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Consultation, Thursday, the 8th January, 1740.

Difference of the Sea Customs between the years 1738 and 1739.

—	Custom on Goods. Anno 1738.	Custom on Goods. Anno 1739.	Custom on Grain. Anno 1738.	Custom on Grain. Anno 1739.	Anchorage. Anno 1738.	Anchorage. Anno 1739.
	P. f. c.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
January	6,523 25 40	3,091 16 0	1,423 23 16	1,928 4 4	19 0 0	29 0 0
February	1 678 11 64	3,507 32 0	3,901 9 8	828 4 68	59 18 0	78 0 0
March	1,734 14 72	1,861 11 28	1,291 10 28	828 19 56	60 0 0	59 18 0
April	1,362 9 40	2 034 3 72	1,356 9 16	337 8 72	64 18 0	53 0 0
May	2,821 30 20	3,278 11 20	1,516 15 28	446 21 72	102 18 0	54 0 0
June	1,850 24 68	1,854 27 8	368 0 0	294 20 36	124 0 0	82 0 0
July	1,115 33 16	1,754 30 60	182 34 68	447 22 20	26 0 0	88 0 0
August	1,618 30 36	2,801 6 36	117 12 8	844 12 76	57 0 0	123 18 0
September	1,936 23 52	5,092 27 12	642 3 36	217 0 32	54 0 0	96 18 0
October	1,433 15 56	810 18 44	50 6 40	72 22 40	63 0 0	88 18 0
November	5,281 16 31	3,927 21 56	558 29 72	231 15 60	...	...
December	818 34 24	97 10 16	1,080 31 16	90 31 32	...	5 0 0
	27,176 18 39	29,912 0 32	12,489 5 16	6,567 5 8	629 18 0	757 0 0
	2,735 17 73	Increase.	Decrease.	5,922 0 8	127 18 0	Increase.
	29,912 0 32	29,912 0 32	12,489 5 16	12,489 5 16	757 0 0	757 0 0

Increase.

	P. f. c.
Increase on Goods ...	2,735 17 73
On anchorage	127 18 0
	2,862 35 73
Decrease on y^e. whole.	3,059 0 15
Pags.	5,922 0 8

Decrease.

	P. f. c.
Decrse. on Grain ...	5,922 0 8
Pags.	5,922 0 8

The Increase on Goods proceeds part from the arrival of the Macao ships which lost their passage last year but mostly from the quantitys of raw silk &c. goods from Bengal.

The decrease on grain is from the difference of the prices of last year and this.

The state of the Land Customs for the years 1738 and 1739 compared one with the other.

	P. f. c.
January...	729 26 59
February	591 14 65
March	472 1 4
April	437 6 56
May	402 34 25
June	417 4 54
July	552 19 38
August	433 12 24
September	342 25 18
October...	182 33 26
November	228 34 67
December ...	377 20 21
Totall ...	5,173 17 57
Increased this last year.	695 0 38
Pags.	5,868 18 15

	P. f. c.
January	434 16 43
February	397 2 66
March	321 11 52
April	418 4 7
May	611 23 52
June	1,018 23 31
July	705 12 12
August...	688 10 69
September	298 1 33
October...	329 2 1
November	158 0 20
December	462 17 29
Totall Pags. ...	5,868 18 15

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President & Governour &c., Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

According to a standing order from the Hon'ble Court of Directors I now lay before you a state of the expences and revenues of this settlement and its subordinates on this coast for the last year compared with those of the former, by which your honour &ct. may judge of the proper directions that are to be given in relation thereto.

Expences of Fort St. George.

——	Ending April 1738.			April 1739.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Charges garrison	17,125	5	60	17,180	5	20	54	35	40	...	...	...
Charges diet	7,000	...	...	7,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Charges cattle	800	...	...	800	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Charges hospital	1,137	6	46	1,114	29	...	...	...	...	22	13	46
Charges extraordinary ...	673	16	75	1,063	24	70	390	7	75	...	...	...
Repairs	3,109	34	31	1,408	11	45	...	...	...	1,701	22	66
Account presents	738	26		1,237	9	51	498	19	51	...	...	...
Account salary	3.352	20	38	3,317	14	6	...	...	...	35	6	32
Charges general	5.716	34	61	5.606	24	77	...	...	...	110	9	64
The annual expence ...	39,654	...	71	38,728	11	29	943	27	6	1,869	16	48
Deduct the *increase* from the decrease ...										943	27	6
										925	25	42
The expences of this settlement are decreased this year										925	25	42

Expences of Fort st. David.

——	Ending April 1738.			April 1739.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Charges garrison	13,594	15	16	13,390	21	40	...	...	...	203	29	56
Charges hospital	442	25	4	422	26	2	...	...	...	19	35	2
Repairs	767	28	68	1,026	4	12	258	11	24	...	...	...
Charges cattle	600	...	...	600	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Charges extraordinary ...	385	28	76	319	1	54	...	...	...	66	27	22
Charges diet	2,756	...	...	2,728	...	...	...	...	..	28	...	...
Account salary	689	34	70	771	10	54	81	11	64	...	...	...
Peons and servants' wages...	2,713	24	...	2,713	8	...	...	...	...	16	...	...
Account presents	99	22	40	468	25	40	369	3	...	...	...	...
Charges general	2,439	35	30	2,639	14	58	249	15	28	...	...	...
	24,489	34	64	25,129	4	20	958	5	36	319	...	...
Deduct the decrease ...							319	...	...			
The expences increased this year										639	5	36

Expences of Ingeram Vizt.

——	Ending April 1738.			April 1739.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Charges diet	184	...	...	184	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Charges general	294	23	35	329	3	14	34	15	59	...	...	...
Charges merchandize ...	161	17	20	158	2	76	...	...	...	3	14	24
Charges extraordinary ...	177	3	60	263	23	30	86	19	50	...	...	...
Repairs	66	9	20	66	32	...	...	22	60	...	...	...
Servants' wages	562	...	...	620	...	...	58	...	...	...	...	...
Account presents	341	31	68	229	6	5	...	...	...	112	25	63
Account salary	88	24	...	44	12	...	...	...	...	44	12	...
	1,876	1	43	1,895	7	45	179	22	9	160	16	7
Deduct the decrease ...							160	16	7			

The expences at Ingeram are increased this year ...	19	6	2			
The expences of Fort St. George are decreas'd this year				925	25	42
The expences at Fort St. David increas'd ...	639	5	36			
The expences at Ingeram increased ...	19	6	2	658	11	38
Total decrease in this settlement and the above subordinates is				267	14	4

The Reasons for an Increase in the Several Particular Heads are Vizt.

	Pags.	F.	C.
Fort St. George.—			
Charges garrison, in sundry warlike stores for the use of the garrison	54	35	40
Charges extraordinary, by an allowance of P. 30 per month to the widow Rous and four children, and Mr. Wynch being made a monthly writer ...	390	7	75
Account presents, Immaum Sahib visiting us in April last occasions this extraordinary charge of ...	498	19	41
Pags. ...	943	27	6
Fort St. David.—			
Account salary by Messrs. Floyer, Foxall and Michell's being junior merchants this year ...	81	11	64
Account presents by giving the Company's brokers their presents for this and the preceding year	369	3	0
Charges general is occasioned by a greater quantity of stationary ware this year and sundry small disbursements by the Paymaster and Storekeeper ...	249	15	28
Repairs.—This arises from sundry repairs done by order from Fort St. George chiefly rebuilding a curtain wall fallen down at Cuddalore, paving the curtains, securing the river's banks near the South East Bastion and some small repairs to the Braminy and Trepopilore Guards	258	11	24
	958	5	36
Ingeram.—			
Charges general in sundry stores for the use of the residency	34	15	59
Charges extraordinary paid Messrs. Pitt & Arbuckle at Madrass P. 50, which should have been brought to account before which with the cost of a medicine chest amounts to	86	19	50
Repairs.—The difference is so trivial as cannot easily be accounted for	0	22	60
Servants' wages by Messrs. Pitt & Arbuckle's being there	58	0	0
	179	22	9

The Revenues at this Place and the Subordinates, Vizt.

Fort St. George.—										
Collected by the Sea Customer from 1st May 1737 to 30th April 1738				48,448	20	62				
Collected by the Sea Customer from 1st May 1738 to 30th April 1739				34,702	14	44	Decreased. 13,746	6	18	
Collected by the Land Customer from 1st May 173‾ to 30th April 1738				8,161	22	57				
Paid by the Company's merchants				2,235	34	51				
				10,397	21	28				
Collected by the Land Customer from 1st May 1738 to 30th April 1739...	4,360	13	41							
Paid by the Company's merchants	2,586	9	36	6,946	22	77	3,450	34	31	

Custom on coinage from 1st May 1737 to 30th April 1738	598 4 57	
Custom on coinage from 1st May 1738 to 30th April 1739	113 14 30	484 26 27
		17,681 30 76
Fort St. David.—		
The amount of their Revenues from 1st May 1737 to 30th April 1738	10,224 11 31	
The amount of their Revenues from 1st May 1738 to 30th April 1739	11,098 14 14	
Increased ..		874 2 63
Total decrease in the revenues of this settlement and Fort St. David ... ... P.		16,807 28 13

I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servant,

Fort St. George,
28th December, 1739.

RANDALL FOWKE,
Accountant.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY THE 14TH JANUARY 1740.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES AT MADRAS.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1739 ARISES ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZT.

Fort Marlbrô' Vizt.—			
Paid allowance money to Raja Cooladeen and servants		P. 10 0 0	
Dieting 28 slaves & 4 children @ 25 fs. per diem	P. 21 19 0		
House rent for dittos P. 1-9, cleaning, the house privy. fs. 2	1 11 0	22 30 0	
			32 30 0
Charges general Vizt.			
Batty abroad as per account		4 24 0	
Batty at home do.		27 20 20	32 8 20
House moveables, Vizt.—			
Paid for a cot		5 0 0	
2 tables		12 0 0	17 0 0
Fort St. David			
Paid the Rev. Mr. Howard's travelling charges thither...			20 0 0
Charges extraordinary, vizt.—			
Paid dieting choultry prisoners 5, at 40 ca. each		2 5 40	
The Marshal for dieting a lunatick soldier		2 0 0	
Allowance money to 4 children of Mr. Rous deceased		20 0 0	
Alexander Wynch, a monthly writer ...		10 0 0	
House rent for the Rev. Mr. Wynch ...		7 0 0	
Allowance money to Mr. Aikman's child.		2 0 0	
A smith attending the shroff for beating down the bad pagodas		1 0 20	44 5 60
Materials used	127 21 52		
Workmen employed	48 17 15		176 2 67
Materials used and workmen employed in sundry places as per book... ...			121 22 66
		Pags ...	443 33 53

Consultation, Monday, the 4th February, 1739/40.

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General letters Nos. 16 and 17 both from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David read, the first dated the 26th ultimo serving only to cover invoice and bill of the cloth sent us on the *Mary*. The other of the 29th ultimo advising of the present they had made to Subderally Cawn and representing the necessity of their making presents also to Hassanally Cawn and the Nabob whom they shortly expect in their neighbourhood and desiring our directions thereupon.

The Board having considered the said letter and being of opinion with the gentlemen at Fort St. David that there will be no avoiding those presents, it's agreed to permit the Deputy Governour and Council to act therein as they see necessary and to send them overland this evening three peices of velvets and two peices of embossed cloth to help them out, having nothing else in our warehouse fit for such occasions.

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Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

Consultation, Monday, the 25th February, 1739/40.

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The Assaymaster acquaints the Board that the country mints having greatly debased the gold mohurs, several of the shroffs had been with him and offered to send their gold into our mint if we would coin it into mohurs of ninety-five touch, and as none at the Board could recollect our having coined any mohurs in our mint, the Assaymaster produced the mint accounts of 1703 & 1704, wherein there were several instances of it, and the Braminy being ordered to search the Phirmaunds, produced one from Assad Cawn in the year 1692, whereby it appears we had many years since a grant for coining that species of money.

Agreed therefore that the Assaymaster do receive and coin all such gold as the shroffs and other merchants shall deliver into the mint to be coined into gold mohurs of ninety-five touch.

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Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in the Paymaster's account for the month of January 1739/40, arises on the following articles, Vizt.

Fort Marlborough, Vizt.—			
Paid allowance money to Raja Cooladeen and servants		P. 10 0 0	
Dieting 28 slaves and 4 children at 25 fs. per diem...	18 27 0		
Physick and black doctor's attendance on one slave who was brought to bed of a child	21 0 60		
House rent P. 1–9 Cleaning it's privy fs. 2.	1 11 0		
Cloathing dittos Double Cambays 28 ps.	31 18 0		
Long cloth 2 ps. P. 3-18, beetle nut and tobacco P. 1	4 18 0		
Boat hire carrying them on board the *George* 2 boats	0 10 0	58 12 60	
			P 68 12 60

Vizagapatam.—				
Paid freight on Mr. Sanderson's things by order of consultation			40 0 0	
Charges general, vizt.				
Batta abroad as per account		P. 10 20 0		
Batta at home		23 35 0	34 19 0	
Charges extraordinary, vizt.				
Paid dieting choultry prisoners, Vizt.				
5 for 28 days at cash 40 each per diem.	P. 1 34 0			
2 Transported to Fort Marlbrô the 28th instant.				
3 Remains for 3 days at cash 40 each	0 4 40	2 2 40		
2 Caps for two prisoners sent thence to Fort Marlbro'	0 9 0			
Buzar cloth 2 pieces for the Braminy prisoner	0 26 0			
Provisions for Dr. P. 1-3 boat hire, fns. 5.	1 8 0	2 7 0		
Boat hire for the Paymaster and the Gunner on mustering the men and surveying the *Normanton* and *Shaftsbury*.				
4 Boats fns. 20 do. for 2 peons sent on the paddy boat to Vizagapatam fns. 5.		0 25 0		
Carrying a present of oranges to Emaum Sahib, 3 Cooleys P. 1–12 peon attending do. fns. 6		1 18 0		
Gave a Mauldar attending a present of grapes from Emaum Sahib		0 5 60		
Beetlenutt and cloves tender'd Mittah gee on meeting the Governour		0 6 10		
Allowance money to 4 children of Mr. Rous deceased		20 0 0		
Alexander Wynch a monthly writer ...		10 0 0		
House rent for the Rev. Mr. Wynch			7 0	
Allowance mony to Mr. Ackman's child			2 0	
Marshal for dieting a lunatick soldier			2 0 0	
Smith attending the shroff for beating down the bad pagodas ...			1 2 60	
				48 31 10
Repairs of fortifications as per book				28 7 40
			Pags.	219 34 30

List of chay goods to be provided to the northward by Matoor Chitteram and Copertee Pera Lingam for 1740.

Colloway Potamporps	200 Peices.
Allejars	400
Sastragunties	400
Colloway Poose	200
Romalls Bunda	400
Handkerchiefs French Muster	200
Do. Superfine	400

Consultation, Thursday, the 6th March, 1739/40.

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A petition from Messrs. Burton and Saunders read as entered hereafter requesting grants for a peice of waste ground lying between their houses and the Town Wall, upon the same terms as Messrs. Powney, Hart and others formerly had grants of the waste ground lying behind their houses.

Ordered that the Paymaster measure the said waste ground, and afterwards that the Secretary draw out bills of sale for the same with the usual clause of resumption.

A petition also read from the inhabitants of the west side of Charles Street, setting forth as contained in the said petition entered hereafter, which being

considered by the Board, and that the wharfing set forth therein was necessary and what has prevented the damage to be apprehended from the sett of the river on that side the town, particularly in the time of the freshes, and that the said inhabitants have been at a great expence to make the ground good within the said wharfing; it was agreed that the request of the said inhabitants was very reasonable and therefore ordered that the Paymaster measure the said new-made ground as it is now possessed by the petitioners and that afterwards the Secretary draw out separate grants for the same to be signed by the Board.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

The humble petition of Samuel Harrison, Christopher Craddock, William Percival, Nazar Jacob Jan, Francisco Carvalho

Sheweth,

That the river washing the Town Wall to the westward, not only endangered the said wall and the adjacent buildings, but by the ebbing and flowing of the said river left shallow grounds and low swamps, which by the heat of the sun became a nuisance to the town; your petitioners at a very great expence and trouble have effectually prevented and remedied these mischiefs by building a wharf wall upon a foundation of brick wells, sunk and filled up with lime stones and other materials for cement. Your petitioners have also faced the said wharf wall with iron stone and raised thereon brick pallisadoes to the great ornament of the river and beautifying the prospect of the town.

Your petitioners shew that in consequence thereof several peices of grounds have been taken out of the river, which peices of grounds may be very useful to your petitioners houses and grounds thereto adjacent. Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that by a grant from this Hon'ble Board the said grounds so gained from the river may be appropriated unto your petitioners and their heirs for ever, according to the proportions now possessed by your petitioners.

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Consultation, Monday, the 10th March 1739/40.

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Mr. Prince having been directed to attend, he was called in, and the musters of our izzarees, and fine long cloths and salampores being shewn him, and he acquainted with the faults complained of from England in those sorts of goods, as that the izzarees made here are too thin and that the fine long cloths and salampores from Ingeram are of too soft a thread and not well cured, it was demanded of him whether he could provide any and what quantity of those sorts in the year free of the faults complained of. He seemed doubtfull of being able to procure above five hundred peices of the izzarees agreeable to the muster, but promised his best endeavours to encrease the quantity, it being recommended to him to make it, if he can, a thousand peices. As to the fine long cloths and salampores he could not say how much he might be able to get and the Board beleiving he cannot procure more than will be wanted, recommended it to him to get all he can that is good, directing him to send up what he may have ready in August brown, but to whiten what more he may have to send up in December (as there will not be time to do it here for the ships to be dispatched at that season) and to endeavour to mend the defect complained of in the colour. He was also directed to use his utmost care to prevent in future the complaints that have repeatedly been made from England that the Ingeram cloths do not answer the lengths and breadths specified in the invoices.

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Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

THE EXTRAORDINAY EXPENCE IN THE FORT ST. DAVID AND VIZAGAPATAM PAYMASTERS ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, ARE AS FOLLOW.

FORT ST. DAVID.

September.

	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Charges garrison—						
Allowance to Mr. Thomas Cook monthly writer ...	6	4	0			
Disabled men, 1 serjeant, 2 centinels, 1 topass ...	5	33	0			
The gunroom crew and lascars added thereto by order from Fort St. George...	13	12	0			
				25	13	0
Charges general—						
Given a soldier at baptizing his child	1	0	0			
Mamoodie bought	10	0	0			
Difference in price of oyl	1	0	0			
				12	0	0
Charges extraordinary—						
Provisions for Mahomud Cawn	15	9	70			
Peons feast as usual	9	0	0			
Prisoner's batta 2-18-30— Austapah 2-18-0	5	0	30			
Peons' batta on sundry accounts	7	17	50			
				36	27	70
Repairs—						
The cloth warehouse	30	27	32			
Making a new back gate	42	28	40			
Mending the roofs and walls of the mettows ...	20	9	44			
Fortifications at Cuddalore	176	14	62			
The severall points	70	9	66			
Sundry small repairs	20	25	64			
				361	7	68
Increased Pags.				435	12	58

October.

	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Charges garrison—						
Allowance to Mr. Thomas Cooke	4	0	0			
Difference in the price of oyl	1	28	0			
Lascars in the gunroom	2	24	0			
Addition to the military	7	17	0	15	33	0
Charges general—						
Refitting the state pallanqueen	35	19	38			
Given a soldier at baptizing his child	1	0	0			
				36	19	38
Charges extraordinary—						
Charges on a present from the Nabob	5	10	46			
A spy's batta at Porta Nova for 17 months ...	17	0	0			
Prisoners' batta 2-16-40— Austapah 2-18-0	4	34	40			
Peons' batta on sundry accounts	5	14	34			
				32	23	40
Repairs—						
Chillumbrum point	108	16	4			
Metchlepatam point	40	32	42			
Making a ditch, bank and hedge from the river to the point	83	8	48			
Gunneys for the guards	19	5	10			
Repairs at the garden	30	17	54			
Sundry small repairs	16	30	72			
				299	2	70
Increased Pags.				384	6	68

November.

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Charges garrison—						
A small addition of	16	0	0			
Charges extraordinary—						
Gratuity for relisting P. 5, bonfire 5	10	0	0			
Batta on several occasions	10	24	58			
Provisions given to the Sobeidar of Trevady ...	4	13	40			
Prisoners batta 3–4–40, Austapah 2–18	5	22	40			
				30	24	5
Repairs—						
Sundry small repairs	28	35	10			
Cuddalore, making a ditch bank and hedge from the Point to the river &ct.	66	16	16			
				95	15	26
Increased Pags. ...				142	4	4

December.

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Charges garrison—						
Topasses occasionally enterd	13	24	0			
Difference in the price of oyl	0	28	4			
				14	16	4
Charges hospital—						
Cloaths for sick men				49	8	40
Charges general—						
Given a soldier at baptizing his child	1	0	0			
Difference in the price of oyl	2	1	36			
				3	1	36
Charges extraordinary—						
Given to the Governours' servants at Christmas as usual	31	14	0			
Paid the steward for feasting the military and gunroom crew	24	4	0			
Batta on several occasions	3	18	0			
Paid for 3 French deserters' diet	0	13	40			
Prisoners' batta 3–8–20, Austapah 2–18	5	26	20			
				65	3	60
Repairs—						
Sundry small repairs	12	21	70			
Cuddalore, making a bank, ditch and gate to Mudd Point	91	34	56			
Building a new guard room	7	1	66			
				111	32	32
Increased Pags.				243	26	12

VIZAGAPATAM.

The month of September decreased ... .. Rs. 77 13 ½

October.

Charges general—			
A small present sent to Chittaramrauz Rs. 8–12, Rosewater 1 flask for several uses 5 ...	Rs 13	12	0
Repairs—			
Sundry small repairs to the garrison	33	4	0
Increased Rs. ...	47	0	0

November.

Charges general—			
The bonfire	82	7½	0
Repairs—			
Sundry small repairs	7	10½	0
Increased Rs. ...	90	2	0

December.

This month decreased ... ... Rs. 80 1 ½

CONSULTATION, WEDNESDAY THE 26TH MARCH 1740.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY ARISES ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZT.

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Charges extraordinary, Vizt—						
Paid dieting choultry prisoners 2 for 25 days at 40 cash each	0	25	0			
The Marshal for dieting a lunatick soldier ..	2	0	0			
Allowance money to 4 children of Mr. Rous deceased	20	0	0			
Do. to Mr. Ackman's child ...	2	0	0			
House rent for the Rev. Mr. Wynch ...	7	0	0			
Alexander Wynch, a monthly writer ...	10	0	0			
Smith attending the shroff 29 days at fn. 1 20 ...	0	1	20			
Gave 2 Mauldars attending a present of sweetmeats from Emaum Sahib, Rupee 1½ or ...	0	17	20			
				43	6	40
Charges general, Vizt—						
Batty abroad as per account	7	5	20			
Batty at home do.	10	23	20			
				17	28	40
Fort Marlborough—						
Paid allowance money to Raja Cooladeen and servants	...			10	0	0
Mettahs, Vizt—						
Materials used in rebuilding	85	24	60			
Workmen employed	0	12	60			
				86	1	40
Repairs of fortifications—						
Materials used and workmen employed in repairing several places as per book account particulars...	...			135	23	60
	Pagodas			292	24	20

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Pursuant to an order of this Board of the 16th instant I now lay before you the following list of the measurages of the grounds severally gained from the river by the inhabitants of the west side of Charles Street and of the waste grounds Messrs. Burton and Saunders have petitioned for the purchase of Vizt. grounds gained from the river, the lengths measured from north to south, the breadths from the westward side of the wharf wall, eastward.

	English Feet.
By Mr. Samuel Harrison—	
In length	114
In breadth	34
By Mr. Christopher Cradock—	
In length	123
In breadth	34
By Mr. William Percival—	
In length	114
In breadth	34
By Coja Nazar—	
In length	111
In breadth	34
By Mr. Francis Carvalho—	
In length	100
In breadth	34
Of the waste grounds about to be sold Messrs. Burton and Saunders Mr. Burton's proportion—	
In length from north to south is	46
In breadth from east to west	16½

Mr. Saunders's proportion—

In length	91
In breadth	18

The vallues of these last computed at the Company's usual rate are as follow :—

Eng. Feet. Eng. Jentue ft. Jentue feet.
Mr. Burton's length 46 at 100 for 115 is 52 14/16ths multiolied by
the breadth 16½ or 18 15/16 makes Jentue
feet 1003 12/16ths at Pags. 2½ for every 60 feet is Pagodas 41 30 0.
Mr. Saunders's length 91 or 104 10/16ths
breadth 18 or 20 11/16ths makes Jentue
feet 2166 4/16 at Pags. 2½ for every 60 feet is Pagodas 90 9 0.

I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servant,

Fort St. George,
26th March, 1740.

NICHOLAS MORSE,
Paymaster.

CONSULTATION, WEDNESDAY, THE 30TH APRIL, 1740.

The President acquaints the Board he has received advice from Imaum Sahib that the design of the Morattas to enter this province is no longer to be doubted, and though the Nabob was setting out towards the borders, there is not a force sufficient in the province to withstand them and they will certainly be soon at Arcot if some other means are not thought of to stop them.

Ordered that the Paymaster do make all the dispatch possible to compleat such of the repairs as were thought necessary in consultation the 14th of August last, particularly the wall from New Point to the Blockhouse and a palisado of redwood from thence to the sea, it being very easy for an enemy to force their way by that point and then the whole Black Town will lye open to them, there being no wall between that point and the White Town.

The President puts the Board in mind it is time to consider of making some provision for the China ship and adds that some tinn being lately arrived at this place and St. Thome, the French agents had come up to agree for the purchase, upon hearing which, he had sent for the owners of the Junk Ceyloan ship to treat with them about the purchase of their tinn, which may be about two hundred candy, that they asked two and forty for it, but at last agreed to let the Company have it at thirty-nine, if the Board thought fit to give so much ; and it being considered that there is but one Macao ship upon the coast and that if we can prevent the tinn falling into the hands of the French it may be one means to hinder a ship being sent from Pondichery this season, that tinn sold for upwards of thirteen tale a *pecul* last year in China, and that we may reasonably expect the same or a better price for what goes upon our ship if we can prevent any quantities being carried by others, it was agreed to give Telesinga Chitty and the other owners of the Junk Ceyloan ship thirty-nine (39) Pagodas per candy for their tinn, and that the President be desired to send proper persons to contract for what can be purchased at St. Thomé.

Mr. Massey, supracargo of the *Prince Frederick* having a parcel of Surat cotton on board, which he is willing to sell here, and as that is a profitable article in China, it was agreed to purchase from two to three hundred bales, if he will spare so much at twenty-four (24) pagodas the Madrass candy.

The President also acquaints the Board he had discoursed with the owners of some sandalwood, and had offered twenty-four (24) pagodas a candy, which they at first agreed to, but they refusing to have it sorted in the same manner as that bought last year, the bargain was not concluded. Agreed to wait till the arrival of the ships from the Malabar coast, as what is provided there for the *Royal Guardian* may possibly be sent hither upon the advice of her arrival here.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—W. MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in the Paymaster's account for the month of March 1740 arises as follow, Vizt.

Charges general—						
Batty abroad	7	14	60			
Casting a new bell for the Main Guard	42	30	20			
				50	9	0
Fort Marlborough—						
Allowance money to Raja Cooladen and servants ...				10	0	0
Charges extraordinary—						
Dieting 2 choultry prisoners	33	0	0			
Marshal's note for dieting a lunatick soldier ...	2	0	0			
Allowance money to 4 children of Mr. Rous deceased	20	0	0			
Allowance money to Mr. Ackman's child	2	0	0			
Alexander Wynch, a monthly writer	10	0	0			
House rent to the Revd. Mr. Robert Wynch ...	7	0	0			
Gave Imaum Sahib's servants—attending a present of an Elx and some fruit 8½ rupees	2	25	60			
A smith attending the shroffs to beat down bad pagodas.	1	2	60			
				45	25	40
Black Town wall—						
Materials	134	30	23			
Workmen	32	32	20			
				167	26	43
Repairs of fortifications—	...					
Material and workmen				139	7	35
Pagodas				412	32	38

Consultation, Monday, the 12th May, 1740.

(Mr. Torriano *Sick.*)

The President acquaints the Board that last night he received advice which was confirmed this morning, that the Nabob Doost Alley Cawn and his youngest son Hussain Alley Cawn and several other persons of note had been killed in an engagement with the Morattas, at the pass of the hills which divide this province from Corrapah, the particulars of which engagement according to what we yet hear are as follows:—The Nabob was lying at the pass with no more than two thousand horse, and about ten thousand peons of Bungar Veasum Naigues, the Morattas being then on the other side the pass. Some overtures were made by the last for an accommodation, but not receiving any answer from the Nabob that was satisfactory, the Morattas found means to bring about ten thousand horse through a wood (the poligar of which it is supposed shewed them the way) and the 9th in the morning they appeared in the Nabob's rear, at the same time the rest of the Moratta army possessed themselves of the hills, and came down in his front; the Nabob's forces were soon surrounded and the enemy charging them with fire arms, the Nabob, his son Hussain Alley and several others about him were soon killed; after which the Morattas having proclaimed that, if the rest would disperse, they should not be pursued, the Nabob's forces soon fled. Subder Alley Cawn, the Nabob's eldest son, who was upon his march to his father but with no more than three thousand horse hearing of this defeat turned back and 'tis thought designs to shut himself up in Velour.

As there is no room to doubt now that the Morattas may and will range over the whole province, the President acquaints the Board he had this morning ordered all the men we have in garrison to be upon duty; but considering how many guards and points we have, they will at best be very weakly mann'd, and therefore proposed to the consideration of the Board, what further to do upon this emergency upon which it was agreed as follows:—

That considering the few men we have, particularly Europeans, it is impossible to spare any force sufficient to mann the out choultrys which were formerly

erected to defend the suburbs, besides that those choultrys are so much gone to decay that they are not tenable, and were they in better repair it would take up so many men to mann them that it would lessen considerably the small number we have for the guard of the White & Black Towns; that they lye at so great a distance as not easily to be succoured, and if they should be hard-pressed, the men would be in very great danger of being cut off before they could retreat to the town. Agreed therefore that it is not safe to trust any men at the out-choultries, but as it would make too much noise and alarm the inhabitants to bring the guns in from thence, it was only ordered that they be nailed up.

Ordered also that as many Europeans and topasses be entertained in the military and gunroom as can be procured. This order is made general because we have too much reason to beleive the most that can be got will be far short of what is necessary.

There being upwards of two hundred guns mounted on the walls and bastions, and the number of men in the gunner's crew not being above one man to two guns, and as in case of action our military will be of most service with their fire-arms, it is agreed to entertain two hundred lascars, if so many can be procured, to assist in working the great guns.

Ordered also that one hundred peons be taken in upon the Company's pay under the command of the Chief-peon.

And the poligar of this place being obliged upon any emergency to raise two hundred additional taliars on the Company's paying their batta during the time they are in service, the President was desired to order the poligar to get them ready as soon as possible.

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The sale of the Company's lead was appointed to be on this day, but our merchants and inhabitants being in the greatest consternation upon the present news from the country it was agreed to deferr the sale till some other time.

The Peddanaigue's cowle granted in 1706 now lying on the table being drawn on paper almost worn out by time and hardly legible, ordered that the Secretary give him a new copy drawn on parchment.

The President was desired to employ such a number of hircarrahs as he thinks proper to send into the country to observe the motions of the Morattas.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

Consultation, Thursday, the 15th May, 1740.

Last Consultation read and signed.

The President acquaints the Board he had received advice from the country that fifteen or twenty thousand Moratta horse were arrived at Lollapettah and Arcot and were plundering both those places.

There being little or no Europe powder in the garrison and but five hundred fire-arms that can be depended on in case of action, and the Board being informed there is a quantity of the first and eight chests of the latter on board the *Royal Guardian* consigned to Bombay, it's agreed to sign an order to Capt. Hoadly to send ashoar ten barrels of gunpowder and the eight chests of fire arms.

As it is very likely it will soon be necessary to put our European inhabitants under arms, it's agreed that commissions be drawn out appointing William Monson Esqr. Captain, Mr. John Stratton Lieutenant, and Mr. John Hallyburton Ensign.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

Consultation, Monday, the 19th May, 1740.

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There being several places on the walls where it will be proper to plant guns for the defence of the town, the Storekeeper is ordered to deliver to the gunner so many as are wanted and to make carriages for the same, and till those can be finished the gunner is ordered to make use of some of the carriages on the saluting battery.

The Paymaster is likewise ordered to buy in a quantity of sheep and to salt up some beef and pork, to make a quantity of bisket, to send to Pulliacat for salt-fish, to lay in also some firewood, and to look out for all the Pegue jarrs in town, or other vessels proper for keeping water.

Commissions of this date signed appointing William Monson Esqr. Captain, Mr. John Stratton Lieutenant, and Mr. John Hallyburton Ensign, of the inhabitants of this town.

There being a great want of fanams for the currency of the place, agreed that three thousand (3,000) pagodas more be advanced the Import-Warehousekeeper to purchase silver to coin into fanams; in the meantime agreed to issue out those which were coined for Fort St. David, the roads being too dangerous to send them overland.

The Chevaux de Frise being out of repair, the Paymaster is ordered to get them mended and there being several other utensils of war which we have not in store, such as spades, shovels, pickaxes &ct., he is ordered to provide so many of them likewise as may be thought necessary.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

Consultation, Thursday, the 22nd May, 1740.

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The President acquaints the Board that all the accounts he has been able to get of the Morattas and their motions since last Consultation have been very imperfect, which he imputes to the danger there is in passing the roads, except that it is agreed part of the Moratta forces had likewise entered Conjevaram and plundered that great town and he has also received frequent advices of the plundering and burning of villages between this and Arcot. One of the hircarrahs came in last night and brought advice that the Morattas had sent about twenty spies towards the sea-coasts though he could not tell upon what design; but a letter from a considerable man in the country to his son that is in town, mentions the same number of spies being sent, and adds that it was to enquire what fresh water there was in the rivers, or tanks, and particularly how much there might be in Chambrepauck tank and this morning came into town several of the inhabitants of Trevelour, which is about 12 hours journey from this place, who had fled from thence and report that a party of horse was come there, and were plundering that place.

There being eighteen military men on board the *Prince William* that are returning from Bombay to Bengal, agreed to send for them ashoar upon promise that they shall go on to the Bay by the latter ships and that Captain Langworth be ordered to send them ashoar.

Agreed also that Captain Langworth be ordered to send ashoar twenty men of his ship's company to assist in the defence of the place, and the Paymaster is ordered to furnish provisions for them and the Bengal military and to lay in some arrack to give the men a dram morning and evening whilst they are upon duty as has always been customary upon these occasions.

Captain Langworth having some pistol powder on board which he offers to sell, the Storekeeper is ordered to purchase it.

There being a parcel of straw houses and huts lying to the northward of the Black Town within fourteen foot of the walls, which in case of an attack on that

side would be very inconvenient and make it dangerous, ordered that notice be given to the proprietors to pull them down and remove the materials elsewhere, but it was at the same time agreed that the Paymaster with the chief bricklayer and chief carpenter do first take a survey of the same and report the value to the Board, that we may agree upon allowing the owners some reasonable satisfaction.

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RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

CONSULTATION, TUESDAY, THE 27TH MAY, 1740.

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General letter No. 50 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St David of the 21st instant read, acknowledging the receipt of the money last sent them; advising that they are informed the Morattas intend to settle at Gingee in which case they desire our directions about sending a present to their chief men, that Mr. Holmes supracargoe of the *Pulteney* had spared them some gun powder which they desire us to make good to him, and that they had recovered the ten thousand pagodas belonging to their merchants from Wolendore.

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The Paymaster produces to the Board a list of the houses lying under the north wall of the Black Town and the owners to whom they belong, with an estimate of the charge it will cost each inhabitant of those houses to remove to other places, amounting to pagodas 150-15 according to the survey made by the chief bricklayers and carpenters, and it being absolutely necessary to have that space open, the Paymaster is ordered to pay to the several persons, owners of the said houses, the sums agreeable to the said list.

There not having been any foot bank built upon the curtains under the parapet walls for want of which the parapets are too high for the men to fire over, the Paymaster is ordered to set about that work, as also to make little wells of brick and chinam on the curtains and bastions to hold water to cool the guns as we cannot get a sufficient quantity of casks to make tubs.

Ordered that fifteen hundred (1,500) pagodas be advanced the Paymaster towards defraying the extraordinary expences.

The President then acquainted the Board that he had received some advices from the country that a treaty was on foot between the Moors and Morattas, but he could not say yet what hopes there was of an accommodation, the Morattas insisting upon very high terms; in the meantime they still continue to plunder everywhere near them, and he is sorry to add that several parties of horse, the broken remains of the late Nabob's army, were to the full as troublesome to the villages as the Moratta army to the greater towns, that they are roving about all over the country and no village escapes them where they think anything is to be got. The President adds that upon this advice he ordered out the peons and poligar's men to keep guard at the mettahs and out-parts of the pettahs, and hoped they would be able to prevent any mischief from these little robbers, if they were not joined by any body of the Morattas.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTERS ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1740, ARISES AS FOLLOWS, VIZT.—

Charges general, Vizt.		
Batty abroad as per book	P. 12 30 40	
Batty at home Do.	31 17 0	
		44 11 40
Charges extraordinary, Vizt.		
Paid dieting choultry prisoners 4.	1 12 0	
The Marshal's note for dieting a lunatick soldier ...	2 0 0	
Allowance money to 4 children of Mr. Rous deceased ...	20 0 0	
Allowance money to Mr. Ackman's child ...	2 0 0	
House rent for the Rev. Mr. Robert Wynch ...	7 0 0	
Alexander Wynch, a monthly writer	10 0 0	
Gave on presents of fruits received from Emaum Sahib and Iraster Cawn	3 33 20	
Paid on Ditto of oranges sent Do.	10 2 0	
Smith attending the shroff to beat down bad Pags. 1 mo.	1 1 40	
		57 12 60
Bombay Presidency, Vizt.		
Diet paid and ready money advanced the military and galley men arriving here from on board the ship *Royal Guardian* in her way thither	64 0 48	
Paid for 26 cots, boat and cooley hire bringing the men ashore here	4 12 0	
Diet money to 2 covenanted servants	16 0 0	
		84 12 48
Fort Marlborough, Vizt.		
Paid allowance money to Raja Cooladen and servants ...		10 0 0
House moveables, Vizt.		
Paid for an almeira		20 0 0
Black Town Vizt.		
Materials used	18 0 40	
Workmen employed	7 5 40	
		25 6 0
Mettahs, Vizt.		
Materials used	102 30 62	
Workmen employed	35 19 35	
		138 14 17
Repairs of fortifications, Vizt.		
Materials used and workmen employed in sundry places as per book.		114 13 75
Pagodas ...		493 35 0

CONSULTATION, FRIDAY, THE 30TH MAY, 1740.

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There being no wall from Charles's Point to the cloth-godowns next the river, for which reason that part of the White Town lies entirely open and defenceless and may be of very ill consequence if the place should be attacked, it is agreed to be absolutely necessary to have that part of the town inclosed with a wall also, and the Paymaster is ordered to lay in materials as soon as possible, and while those are getting ready he is ordered to prepare a plan of that part of the town that the Board may the better consider in what manner to have it built.

The ditch which was formerly dug from Queen's Point round the Black Town, to the sea-side being by length of time and from neglect in not keeping it clean, now almost entirely filled up, the Paymaster is ordered to have the same new dug, as the Board are of opinion it will be very usefull to keep off an enemy, more especially as the walls of the Black Town are but weak and we have but few men to defend them.

The Board then took into consideration the number of men in the gunner's list as settled in Consultation of the 19th August 1732, as also a list of the guns mounted upon the several points and curtains and agreed that so small a number is far short of what is necessary in case of any attack, and in such case we ought to have some persons of more knowledge and judgement than common men to direct the firing the guns and therefore that more mates and more Europeans ought to be entered into pay and after sometime spent in considering thereof, the Board agreed upon a list as entered after this Consultation for the present establishment, and the Paymaster and Gunner are ordered to look out for proper persons to be entertained agreeable thereto.

There being several persons in the gunner's list who have been long in the service but are now disabled and unfit for duty ordered that they be struck out of the gunner's list and entered upon half-pay, and the list of their names entered hereafter.

Ordered that one thousand (1,000) Pagodas be advanced the Paymaster to defray the charges of the garrison.

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RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

NUMBER OF MEN THOUGHT NECESSARY FOR THE GUNROOM CREW.

		p.	f.	c.
1	Gunner	13	0	0
1	Do. Mate	10	0	0
1	Do. 2d. do.	9	0	0
1	Do. 3d. do.	8	0	0
1	Do. 4th. do.	7	0	0
4	Quarter Gunners at 6 Pags. each	24	0	0
6	Do. 5 ,, ...	30	0	0
35	Europeans at 100 fns. each	97	8	0
20	Topasses at 91 ,, ...	50	20	0
80	Do. at 72 ,, ...	160	0	0
1	Syrang	4	0	0
2	Tindalls at 3 Pags. each...	6	0	0
35	Lascars at 2 ,, ...	70	0	0
188	Persons — Amount to Pagodas	488	28	0

LIST OF MEN IN THE GUNROOM DISABLED AND SUPERANNUATED WITH THEIR FORMER PAY AND PRESENT PENSION.

	Former pay.	Present Pension.	
Humphrey Lawcock, Senior	5 Pags. per month... ...	2	18
Adrian Fourbeck, Senior	100 fans.	1	14
Ralph, Ascough	100 ,, ...	1	14
Thomé De Rosario	2 Pags.	1	0
Francisco De Mello	2 ,, ...	1	0
Lawrence De Souza	2 ,, ...	1	0
Michael Gomez	2 ,, ...	1	0
Ventura Dos Santos	2 ,, ...	1	0
8 Persons, Pags.	20 20	Pags. 10	10

A LIST SHOWING HOW ALL THE GUNS OF FORT ST. GEORGE ARE PLACED, WITH THE WEIGHT OF THEIR SHOT.

Number of guns.	Places where mounted.	Names of guns.	Weight of shot.
14	At Caldera Point	1 Culverin ... ... 11 Demi-Culverins ... 2 Sakers	18 Pound. 9 Do. 5 Do.
6	At Caldera Curtain ...	Sakers	6 Pound.
3	At Choultry Gate and Street.	Sakers	5 Pound.
3	On Choultry Curtain ...	Sakers	5 Pound.
2	At Middle Gate ... ... On the Gate ... ... In the Street	 1 Saker ... ... 1 Demi Cannon ..	 5 Pound. 24 Do.
10	On Fishing Curtain ...	2 Demi-Culverins ... 8 Sakers ...	9 Pound. 5 Do.
9	On Fishing Point	5 Culverins ... ... 4 Demi-Culverins ...	18 Pound. 9 Do.
4	On Plymouth Battery ...	Demi-Culverins ...	9 Pound.
4	At the Sea Gate	3 Demi-Cannon ... 1 Culverin	24 Pound. 18 Do.
6	On Dover Battery	Demi-Culverins ...	9 Pound.
12	On the Half Moon ...	Culverins	18 Pound.
12	On Marlborough Point ...	1 Demi-Cannon ... 8 Culverins ... ... 3 Demi-Culverins ...	24 Pound. 18 Do. 9 Do.
4 1	On St. Thomé Curtain ... At the Gate in the Street ...	Sakers ... ... Demi-Culverin ...	5 Pound. 9 Do.
12	On Charles Point	2 Demi-Cannon ... 8 Culverins ... 2 Long Sakers ...	24 Pound. 18 Do. 6 Do.
2 2 2 2	At Mr. Harrisons ... ... At Mr. Cradocks ... ... At Mr. Burtons ... ... At Mr. Carvalhos	Small Minions ... Do. ... Do. ... Do. ...	3 Pound. 3 Do. 3 Do. 3 Do.

Number of guns.	Places where mounted.	Names of guns.	Weight of shot.
6	In the Fort	4 Small Minions ... 2 Falcons Brass ..	3 Pound. 2 Do.
3	At Garden Point	2 Demi-Culverins ... 1 Long Saker ...	9 Pound. 6 Do.
4 5	At Queen's Point ... ... On Ditto Curtain	Sakers ... ... Small Minions ...	5 Pound. 3 Do.
3 1 6	On Bridge foot Gate ... At the Gate in the Street ... On the Curtain	Sakers ... ... Demi-Culverins ... Small Minions ...	5 Pound. 9 Do. 3 Do.
3 6	On Spear Point ... ... On Ditto Curtain	Demi-Culverins ... 5 Sakers ... ... 1 Small Minion ...	12 Pound. 5 Do. 3 Do.
5 3	On Clarke's Point ... ... On Ditto Curtain	3 Demi-Culverins ... 2 Ditto ... ... Sakers	12 Pound. 9 Do. 5 Do.
4 1	On Clarke's Gate ... ... At the Gate in the Street ...	Sakers ... ... Demi-Culverins ...	5 Pound. 9 Do.
10	On Attapollam Curtain ...	5 Sakers ... ... 5 Small Minions ...	5 Pound. 3 Do.
3	On Attapollam Point ...	1 Demi Culverin ... 2 Sakers	9 Pound. 5 Do.
4	At the River Battery ...	1 Demi-Cannon .. 3 Culverins	24 Pound 18 Do.
1	In the Street at Mud Point ...	Saker	5 Pound.
3	On New Point Curtain ...	Sakers	5 Pound.
6	On the New Point	2 Demi-Culverins ... 2 Long Sakers ... 2 Sakers	9 Pound. 6 Do. 5 Do.
6	On the new wall	2 Sakers ... ... 4 Small Minions ...	5 Pound. 3 Do.

193 Guns in all for present service.
31, in the half Moon for salutes. — 11 Sakers ... 5 Pound.; 20 Small Minions ... 3 Do.; Minions Small ... 3 Do.
4, At Egmore nailed up ... ...
11, at all the out-batteries nailed up. — 2 Demi Culverins ... 9 Pound.; 2 Long Sakers ... 6 Do.; 6 Sakers ... 5 Do.; 1 Minion Small ... 3 Do.
46
239 guns.

CONSULTATION, TUESDAY, THE 3RD JUNE, 1740.

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Matoor Chitteram and Copertee Pera Lingam attending, acquaint the Board that great part of the chay goods are ready provided at Motopolee, and as they apprehend it may be dangerous keeping of them there, that part of the country also being involved in troubles by the quarrels among the polygars; they desire the directions of the Board, which being taken into consideration and that the town merchants do frequently at this season of the year send for their goods from those parts by mussoolas, it is agreed to send two mussoolas for these goods from Motopolee.

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RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, THE 12TH JUNE, 1740.

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Telesinga Chittee and Nellamoota Comrapa Chittee attending produced to the Board [a] letter from their gomastas at Salem advising that they have two hundred and fifty oxloads of cloth lying ready there to send to Cuddalore, but are afraid to venture it without a guard, least the Poligars should plunder it upon the road. After some discourse with the merchants, they gave it as their opinion that thirty or forty peons would be sufficient to protect them, upon which it was agreed to send twenty peons from thence and that they be joined by twenty more at Fort St. David and to proceed from thence to the borders of Salem, where the cloth will be ready; however the merchants do not propose to venture it all at once but at three different times.

Agreed that directions be given to Fort St. David accordingly and that twenty peons more be added to the other twenty and that by them we send three thousand (3,000) Pagodas worth of fanams.

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RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

CONSULTATION, SUNDAY, THE 15TH JUNE, 1740.

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Our Hon'ble masters having in the 16th para. of their letter to us just now read ordered that we should not send one of their ships to China this season, it was taken into consideration what to do with the cargo provided for that voyage upon which it was agreed it will not be for the Company's interest to keep it till next season as some of the articles are perishable, particularly the putchuck which was a year old when it arrived here and the cotton will not be the better for keeping; upon the whole, it was agreed that if the inhabitants would come into a subscription for a voyage to China on a country ship we would let them have all the tinn and what other goods we have provided for the China market at the prices they cost.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, THE 23RD JUNE, 1740.

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The inhabitants having subscribed forty-two thousand (42,000) pagodas towards carrying on a voyage to China on a country ship named the *Augusta*, the Export-warehousekeeper is ordered to deliver them the tinn, cotton, putchuck and oliban [em] agreeable to our resolution in Consultation of the 15th instant.

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RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

CONSULTATION, FRIDAY, THE 27TH JUNE, 1740.

(Mr. Burton *sick.*)

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The Board having been misinformed of Mr. Jones intending to administer to the effects of Mr. Gibson deceased at Vizagapatam, it is agreed to direct the Chief and Council there to take charge and dispose of them for the benefit of the creditors, rendering an account thereof to such person or persons as may hereafter administer, and, when they have sufficient in their hands of the said Gibson's effects to pay off his debt to Narrain Pottanah, one of their country renters, who they tell us in their letter of the 3rd March was like to give them trouble on that account, and as a means that may prevent the ill consequences of an affair of this sort in future, it's agreed to send them the following order formed from our book of Standing Orders:—

That no Company's servant or other European living at Vizagapatam shall directly or indirectly borrow any money or otherwise become indebted to any of the Moor's governours or to any of the Rajahs or country renters, and whoever shall be guilty of a breach hereof shall be suspended from the Company's service if covenanted servants and sent for up hither; those who are not in the Company's service shall be sent for hither and from hence to England.

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The President acquaints the Board that being informed yesterday morning that Gopall Chitty one of our merchants who is indebted about five thousand (5,000) pagodas on the running contract was so ill that his life was despaired of, he thought proper to order one of our warehouse conicoplys to go to his house and lock up what valuable effects he might find there; accordingly the said conicoply went thither and in the presence of Gopall Chitty's conicoply and some others of the family he had locked up one room in which were about fourteen thousand rupees lying in bags upon the floor and a chest which (as Gopall Chitty's conicoply said) contained about one thousand pagodas, all which he locked up in the said room under two keys one of which he brought away with him the other he delivered to Gopall Chitty's conicoply; the President adds that in the afternoon Gopall Chitty died, upon which he had ordered a letter to be wrote to Custoora Chitty, father of the deceased, desiring him to come up hither to settle his accounts with the Company.

Ordered that the Secretary do go to Gopall Chitty's house and put the Company's seal on the room where the money is locked up and that the same do remain so sealed up till Custoora Chitty arrives here and settles his son's accounts with the Company.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

CONSULTATION, WEDNESDAY, THE 2ND JULY, 1740.

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As Madrass pagodas will be wanted to send to Vizagapatam for the use of that and the other northern settlements before the southerly monsoon is over, Linga Chitty was sent for and discoursed with concerning the best method for procuring the same. He adds that no gold is now procurable in the place, and therefore if we are under a necessity for the Madrass pagodas there is no way to supply ourselves but by coining the current money, and if we would agree thereto he would undertake to deliver them at eleven per cent. batta; being asked how he made so great a difference he said he computed,

	Per cent.
The difference of touch	$7\frac{1}{2}$
That there would be a loss in refining	$1\frac{1}{2}$
The charge of refining	$\frac{1}{2}$
The charge of coining	$\frac{5}{8}$
	$10\frac{1}{8}$ per cent.

The Board took till next Consultation to consider of Linga Chittee's proposa and ordered that a copy of his account of the charge be delivered the Assay Master to examine the same and report his opinion thereof the next Consultation.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

CONSULTATION, WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH JULY, 1740.

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Mr. Foxal attending acquaints the Board that he had examined the account of the charges of coining the current into Madrass pagodas delivered in by Linga Chitty and observed that he had not allowed for the difference in the weight between one thousand Madrass and one thousand current pagodas, which is one and a quarter ($1\frac{1}{4}$) per cent; for the rest Linga Chittee's account was pretty exact, and if it be considered besides that notwithstanding all the care the shroff can take in shroffing the money, several of the current pagodas he seals are worse than eighty and a quarter ($80\frac{1}{4}$) touch, he beleived if Linga Chittee would agree to deliver the Madrass pagodas at eleven per cent. batta, the chance was equal whether he got or lost by them: upon which Linga Chittee was called in and the Board agreed to pay him now twenty-two thousand two hundred (22,200,) current pagodas to receive twenty thousand (20,000) Madrass in thirty-five days.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

BILLS OF WAGES ETC.

The Hon'ble Company's sloop *Carolina* account wages.

				Dr.
To the Master for the month of May	$	21	0	0
To the mate from the 6th of May to the 30th of May, 25 days at $ 15 per mensem		12	2	0
To the serang from the 26th of April to the 30th of May, 34 days at $ 7-2 per month		8	2	0
To four helmsmen, 34 days at 3-2 per month each ...		15	3	$46\frac{2}{3}$
To ten lascars, 34 days at 2-2 per month each		23	1	$33\frac{1}{3}$
	$	86	0	80

Marlbrô,
May, the 30th 1740.

Errors Excepted.

Examined.

Per. CARDIGAN RICHARD DUTTON.

CHARLES BARBUT
Accomptant.

The Hon'ble Company's sloop *Carolina* account charges.

				Dr.
To allowance of salt fish for the month of May	$	10	0	0
To allowance of doll for Do.		4	0	0
Te earthen potts		0	3	0
To cotton thread for the lamp bought		2	0	0
To thread for sowing		0	2	0
	$	17	1	0

Marlbrô'
May, the 30th 1740.

Errors Excepted.

Examined.

Per CARDIGAN RICHARD DUTTON.

Per CHARLES BARBUT
Accomptant.

The Hon'ble Company.

	Dr.
To charges of provision, etc. from Marlbrô to Moco Moco for the Sultan and 25 of his attendance four days and half at $ 3 per day	$ 13 2 0
To two soldiers from Moco Moco to Marlbrô four days at 80 cash per day	1 2 40
	$ 15 0 40

Marlbrô
May, 30th 1740.

Errors Excepted

Examined.

Per CARDIGAN RICHARD DUTTON.

Per CHARLES BARBUT
Accountant.

THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTERS'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1740, ARISES ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZT.

Fort Marlborough, vizt.—			
Paid allowance money to Raja Cooladen and servants		Pags. 10 0 0	
Arab soldiers taken here into pay for the West Coast service		36 0 0	46 0 0
Charges general vizt.—			
100 peons extraordinary ...		85 18 0	
Batty abroad	13 34 0		
Batty at home	61 19 35	75 17 35	160 35 35
Account current, London, vizt.—			
Paid James Flint as per order of consultation			70 0 0
Charges extraordinary, vizt.			
Paid dieting choultry prisoners 6			2 4 0
Paid the Marshal's note for dieting a lunatick soldier ...			2 0 0
Allowance money to 4 children of Mr. Rous deceased ...			20 0 0
Ditto to Mr. Ackman's child			2 0 0
Alexander Wynch, a monthly writer			10 0 0
House rent for the Rev. Mr. Wynch			7 0 0
Paid a soldier upon renewing his covenants			5 0 0
A smith attending the shroff to beat down bad pagodas ...			1 1 40
Paid head money for 35 soldiers delivered ashoar here from the *Princess of Wales* and *Wilmington* at 10*s*. each ...			38 32 0
Gave refreshing money to 34 soldiers at fns. 12 each			11 12 0
Paid boat hire fns. 25 ; cots 29 delivered Do. P. 4–1			4 26 0
Batty allowed to 250 peons of palliagars			208 10 0
Gave Surat patamars extraordinary			3 5 45
			315 19 5
Bombay Presidency vizt.—			
Paid the military and galley men arrived here from the *Royal Guardian*		78 9 0	
Diet money to 2 covenanted servants. Messrs. Hope and Hatton		16 0 0	
		94 9 0	
Repairs of fortifications, vizt.			
Materials used and workmen employed in several places this month as per book			941 9 36
Pagodas ...			1628 0 76

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, THE 4TH AUGUST, 1740.

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A box of wiggs directed to Mr. William Gibson, late surgeon at Vizagapatam deceased, having been some time since delivered to the Secretary who was ordered to keep them till some body should administer to that estate, he is now ordered to sell them at outcry and pay the nett produce thereof into cash.

The President acquaints the Board that Custoora Chitty had been with him to desire he might have the keys of the room wherein the money was locked up in his son's house, and the Company's seals put thereon by order of Consultation of the 27th June after which he would pay in three thousand pagodas, in part of the balance due from his son, and for the rest he expected in few days as much cloth from Fort St. David as would more than clear it; ordered that the Secretary deliver the keys to Custoora Chitty when he calls for them.

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RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

CONSULTATION, SATURDAY, THE 16TH AUGUST, 1740

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General letters read, Vizt.

No. 78, a letter from Mr. Dumas &ct. Council of Pondicherry dated 24th August N.S. relating to four men deserted from their garrison to Fort St. David, and suspected of having murdered a man and whom they therefore demand in the name of his most Christian Majesty to be delivered up to them, proposing also the entering into a treaty with us about the delivering up such criminals, as they have done with the Dutch and Danes on this coast and with our gentlemen at Tellicherry.

No. 79, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 13th instant giving us their sentiments of and an account of what has passed between the gentlemen of Pondicherry and them in the affair of the four deserters, and inclosing a letter they received from Pondicherry dated the 22nd August N.S. and copy of their answer thereto dated the 12th O. S. on that subject.

The foregoing letters and the subject thereof being taken under consideration, the Board are of opinion that a murther attended with such circumstances as that of the old Chouliar of which the four deserters stand suspected with so much reason ought not to go unpunished and that the giving up those men is no contravention to the protection of the flag, upon promise of the gentlemen of Pondicherry that if they are not found guilty of the murder they shall be pardoned the desertion.

As to what is proposed both from Pondicherry and Fort St. David about entering into some agreement for preventing mischiefs of this sort in future, we think it may be better to hold ourselves at liberty in that respect, nor do we suppose the gentlemen of Pondicherry will concern themselves further about it since we have complied with the intention of such an agreement in delivering up these men.

Agreed to transmit the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David our resolutions upon this affair in a copy of our letter to the gentlemen of Pondicherry.

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RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

PETITION DATED AUGUST 20 (?) 1740.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR, &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble petition of Thomas Holmes and Robert Heath, mariners,
Sheweth,

That your petitioners served as officers on board the ship *Nancy* lying at Pondicherry, of which Mr. Monger was supercargoe. That when your petitioners

expected a voyage to this port of Madrass, the said Mr. Monger sent to the Captain and told him that he had sold the said ship, and ordered him on board to deliver her at three in the afternoon to Mr. Pattaleen; otherwise that he himself would deliver her upon which the Captain and Chief mate Thomas Holmes went on board, and at three o'clock came Mr. Monger to see the ship delivered as above. The Captain then asked him in what manner his wages were to be paid, with what was due to his officers and people and what was to be done with the freight bales which he had signed a bill of lading for. To this Mr. Monger made no reply. Whereupon the Captain addressed himself to the purchaser of the ship and told him, he was ready to deliver her to him if he would give his word for the payment of the wages due on the ship. But the said purchaser answered, it was no concern of his, if the ship was delivered to him, 'twas well, if not, he would go on shore. The Captain then told him that he would wait on Mr. Dumas in the morning, so they went away. And as soon as they put off from the ship your petitioners struck the yards and topmasts, and there being a shellingay aboard your petitioner Thomas Holmes wrote a note to Captain Jobbins desiring him to send three or four loaves of bread, which note the said Messrs. Monger, Barry and Pattleen carried to the Governour, and interpreted it that Captain Jobbins was to send not three or four loaves of bread, but three or four boats of people on board, and that your petitioners intended to run away with the ship. There is something so very extraordinary in this affair, that it could scarce gain credit, had not your petitioner, Thomas Holmes, a letter under Captain Jobbin's hand, which he will produce to the Honourable Board, to give ample satisfaction herein; Mr. Dumas hereupon ordered a guard from the garrison to be sent to bring your petitioners on shore; and in the dusk of the evening came two shellingays full of armed men, to the great surprise of your petitioners, they being wholly ignorant of the design and business they could have on board. Your petitioners hailed them, to know who they were and what they wanted; the shellingays answered in English, friends, and went away; but as your petitioners were informed afterwards M^r. Monger was in one of them, and put on board the Europe ship then lying there, and gave four rupees each to those that came with him to take your petitioners.

The Captain being something disordered, lay down, and desired your petitioners not to suffer any boats to come on board without hailing and knowing who they were. But between 9 and 10 at night came three or four boats which were hailed by your petitioner Thomas Holmes; but instead of answer, fired immediately their small arms on your petitioners, and boarded the ship, and wounded the said Thomas Holmes in several places in a dangerous manner, and robbed him of 25 pagodas in money, his watch and buckles, and carried him on board the Europe ship to stop the blood and dress the wounds. But the Captain and second mate they carried ashore and put in prison; about fourteen days after they sent the Chief Mate his watch; but would neither bring the man, who committed the robbery to justice nor oblige him to return the money; though your petitioner Thomas Holmes, the said Chief Mate, can swear possitively against him.

Your petitioners are satisfied that Mr. Dumas is a gentleman of too much honour to suffer such enormities, but they beleive that he has not been acquainted with the circumstances of the affair, and especially for this reason, that while your petitioners continued prisoners there, they were debarred the use of pen and paper, whereby they might have represented their case to him, and set the ill usage they had received in a true light.

But the behaviour of those who boarded your petitioners, was too notorious to escape his knowledge, for which he imprisoned the officer who commanded the soldiers. Which affair introduced another scene of villainy, for the said prisoner to clear himself invented the most scandalous falsehood, and told the Governour that your petitioners fired first upon them, and that they only stood in their own defence. Your petitioners are ready to take their oaths, that they had neither flints nor cartridges, nor ball on board.

Another hardship your petitioners beg leave to complain to this Honourable Board of, that when your petitioners were taken prisoners, the soldiers broke open and rifled your petitioners' chests and escrutores, and they continued open till Mr. Monger next morning went on board, and nailed and sealed them, so that your petitioners have great reason to fear that all their effects on board are lost.

This is a true state of this affair, for which your petitioners are confined, and have suffered such losses, besides the blemish cast upon their characters, which to a man of business is more to be dreaded than every thing else. But in the midst of all these misfortunes, they account it no small happiness that they have the liberty to address themselves to this Honourable Board, from whose justice they may expect a redress of their greivances. They refer themselves wholly to your goodness and compassion for the injured, beging leave only to acquaint you that with the necessary expences they have been at since their confinement, their circumstances are much strait'ned ; for which they hope this Honourable Board will make such provision as shall be thought proper : and as in duty bound they shall ever remain full of acknowledgments.

THOMAS HOLMES—ROBERT HEATH.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1740 ARISE ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZT.—

Fort Marlborough, Vizt.—	p. f. c.	p. f. c.	p. f. c.
Paid allowance money to Raja Cooladen and servants...		16 0 0	
Capt. Taylor's note dieting 36 slaves sent hence upon ship *George* to the West Coast for 80 days at fans. 4 per day	320 0 0		
Expended a quarter cask of Batavia arrack with them	9 0 0		
		329 0 0	
Paid Arab soldiers listed here for the West Coast service as per book		45 12 0	
			384 12 0
Account current, London, Vizt.—			
Paid Peter Dunker's note for diet and lodging he gave Mr. James Flint			23 18 0
Charges general, Vizt.—			
100 peons extraordinary		85 18 0	
Batty abroad	7 24 0		
Batty at home	57 11 62	64 35 62	
			150 17 62
Charges extraordinary, Vizt.—			
Paid dieting choultry prisoners, 13 people ...		1 17 40	
The Marshal's note dieting a lunatic soldier...		2 0 0	
Allowance money to Mr. Ackman's child ...		2 0 0	
Alexander Wynch, a monthly writer ...		10 0 0	
House rent for the Rev. Mr. Robert Wynch..		7 0 0	
A smith attending the shroff to beat down bad pagodas...		1 2 60	
Boat hire for 4 Ingeram and Madapollam peons returned thither per sea conveyance, 2 boats	0 10 0		
Ditto on 2 casks of sea coals bringing ashore from the *Royal Guardian* and returning them on board 2 boats	0 10 0		
		0 20 0	
Gave the Mauldars from the Nabob of Arcot on an express sent to the Governour Rs. 10..		3 4 40	
Paid for 2 large Persia flasks of rose water used in the visits of several country merchants	6 0 0		
Betle Nutt and cloves for Dittos	0 19 60		
		6 19 60	

	p.	f.	c.	p.	f.	c.	p	f.	c.
Paid Batty to 170 peons belonging to Peddu Naig ...	141	24	0						
Do. to 80 do. to Ganapa Naig ...	66	22	0						
				208	10	0			
							242	2	40
Bombay Presidency, Vizt.—									
Paid the military and galley men arrived here from the *Royal Guardian*				80	28	0			
Diet money to Messrs. Hope and Hatton ...				16	0	0			
							96	28	0
Repairs of fortifications, Vizt.—									
Materials used and workmen employed in several places this month as per book ...							352	7	3
Pagodas ...							1249	13	25

Consultation, Monday, the 8th September, 1740.

The President acquainted the Board that some days ago Coja Petrus had been with him to know the Company's price for seven hundred candy of lead, Budda Sahib having wrote him for so much; to which the President answered that considering the quantity and what the last sold for at outcry, he beleived the Board would take 12½, but if he could get 13, it would be so much the better. Two or three days past Mr. Monson asked the President if Coja Petrus had been with him about some lead and whether he had asked him 13 per candy for it, and the President answering he had, but had not seen Petrus since, Mr. Monson said the person who had wrote Coja Petrus had since wrote to Linga Chitty to enquire the Company's price for the like quantity and in such terms as if he conceived Petrus intended to make a profit upon it. Upon which the President and Mr. Monson agreed that since Petrus had been directed to ask 13, we ought for the sake of Petrus's credit to insist upon that price, and now Mr. Monson acquainting the Board he had accordingly insisted upon 13 per candy with Linga Chittee, who had consented to give it. The Board agreed to sell the same.

And then the President acquainted the Board that having good reason to beleive the renters of the betle and tobacco farm would fling it up as soon as their time expired, having lost considerably by it the last five years, he had been for these three months past endeavouring to procure other persons to take it, but found it attended with great difficulties. However at last he had prevailed with Trivety Sashachilum to take a part, but he being obliged to go into the country before the President could get others to take the remainder, which having since accomplished and prevailed upon Moopar Chittee Eyanah, Velour Cauma Chittee and Subramony Chittee to be concerned therein, but who by reason of Sashachilum's absence could not entirely settle and agree upon their parts, the three last persons had proposed if the Board will give them authority to act with Sashachilum's gomastahs till he returned in collecting the duty, and pay in the monthly rent at the rate of ten thousand (10,000) pagodas per annum, but desired that the drawing out of the cowle might be deferr'd till Sashachilum came to town.

The President also acquainted the Board that he had likewise talked with Sashachilum before he went and with the others, when he was negotiating with them about the betle cowle, and found them inclined to take the farms of the Town Brokerage and Measuring Duty when Sashachilum returns from the country which will be in few days; the President added that the last cowles for the betle and tobacco farm and the Town Brokerage expiring the 5th instant, he had ordered the old farmers to act in the business from that time, till the Board should appoint other persons with whom they were to account for the surplus time. The President also added that he wished he could have brought these persons sooner to an agreement, but the betle and tobacco farm having been such a losing affair to the last farmers owing to the scarcity and dearness

of tobacco and other accidents proceeding from the late famines, he had found the letting that farm at the old rate, attended with difficulties almost insuperable, and was once afraid we should be obliged to abate considerably of it for the ensuing term.

The Board, being satisfied that the late betle and tobacco farmers suffered considerably in the time they have had the cowle, and also the difficulty of keeping it up to the old rate, desired the President to use his endeavours to perfect the agreement between Sashachilum and the other persons as soon as he returns from the country, and in the mean time that they be empowered to collect the duties arising on the betle and tobacco, and the Town Brokerage from the 5th and on the Measuring Duty from the 20th instant.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

LETTER FROM SIDNEY FOTALL, ASSAY-MASTER, TO RICHARD BENYON, ESQr. AT FORT ST. GEORGE

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

In obedience to your commands I have perused the accountant's remarks on the pagodas and rupees coined in the Hon'ble Company's mint at Madrass.

As to the Madrass pagodas I see no material difference being but one quarter of a grain in the assay, and the Assaymaster never reports to less then a quarter of a grain though it be 3/16 more, generally allowing the turn of the scale in favour of the buyer.

The current pagodas vary very much in all the country mints especially since the last troubles; those five mentioned in Mr. Hort's remarks are the best matt that are now current; I have lately tryed some of 74 touch, others of 70 touch, and some from the southward not quite 50 touch.

The undertakers of the Madrass mint do not pretend to make the rupees of so exact a weight as the English money, nor is it possible that they can, being obliged to weigh and melt every rupee singly, having no flatting mills or other engines, as they have in Europe, so that often times some are half a grain or a grain under or over weight, but I myself take care that they want not above one half per mill at most, as Mr. Monson the Warehousekeeper can testifie, who sees them weighed himself when he receives them into the Hon'ble Company's warehouse, and were the minters to endeavour to be more exact the coinage would be very tedious, so that the Hon'ble Company's ships could not be dispatched in due time to the Bay.

As to the Tower Assaymaster reporting the Madrass rupees but 13 dwt. better than standard, it is probable he made the said silver assays in the same fire with gold assays, and all artists will allow that gold requires a greater heat than silver and that silver may be wasted in the fire by over-heat. Fine silver assays are likewise very liable to spring in cooling by which means there may be more or less loss.

I will not affirm that either of the above accidents have happened to the said assays or that Mr. Haynes has not allowed the remedy, which is always customary in the coinage of silver in the Tower and at the tryal of his Majesties Picts. But this I do assure your honour &ct., that to the best of my knowledge I have never past any musters of the rupees less than 14½ dwt. better than English standard and they have been frequently 15 dwt. better, by reason it is not worth the undertakers while to melt them over again for ½ dwt. betterness. And I firmly beleive that none of the goldsmiths or cooleys dare to add any alloy or mix coarser silver after that is assayed and passed to them.

The Madrass minters allow the same number of rupees in proportion for the new Mexico dollars as they do for standard silver according to their contract with your honour &ct. Council when they were assayed and proved 3 dwt. worse

than standard, and I cannot assign any reason why the Bombay minters allow more unless they wor[k] cheaper in other respects.

I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most faithfull humble servant,
Fort St. George, SIDNEY FOXALL.
11th September, 1740.

CONSULTATION, TUESDAY, THE 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1740.

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The Export-Warehousekeeper lays before the Board the account of the cost of the Salem ordinary, midling and fine long cloths, as delivered into the warehouse by the several sets of merchants which being dearer than the goods of last year and the Salem higher prized than from the advices as yet received from Fort St. David, we beleive that cloth from thence will be, the merchants were sent for, and, being called in, were told their cloth was considerably dearer than last year, and even than that provided this year at Fort St. David, to which they answered, that they had bought it as cheap as they could and had given in an exact and true account of the cost, and if it was somewhat dearer than the St. David cloth, that was to be accounted for by the greater distance and the extraordinary charge of oxhire, peons, and cooleys, batty, &ct. To this the Board replied that if the cloth which came overland quite to us did cost somewhat more than what went to Fort St. David, yet great part of it was brought from Fort St. David hither by sea, by which means much of the charge of carriage was eased, but that however even allowing that difference, yet still the cloth was dearer. The merchants then asked how much difference there was in the price and wherein it consisted, which request (not having yet received the exact account from Fort St. David) we deferr'd complying with, till the account which was wrote for the 11th instant comes up, and agreed then to meet in the sorting godown, and compare the cloths together.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, THE 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1740.

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Having received from Fort St. David the account of the cost of the cloth sent hither upon their running contract with the merchants, the Board met this day in the sorting godown, and compared the sorting of the Fort St. David cloth with the sorting of that brought in by our merchants here, and were of opinion that most of our number three, Salem, was equal to their number two, and our number four much better than theirs, for the same reason a great deal of our number two is equal to their number one.

That their fine long cloth is a different thread to ours, and though the threads have been dropt in some of our number three, which occasioned some faults in it, yet we think our fine long cloth in the whole is a finer cloth than theirs, and cheaper in proportion.

The Board then compared the prices of our Salem cloth, with the prices of that received from Fort St. David, and found that one with another ours comes out 2-20-51 per corge dearer than that from St. David; upon which the merchants being called in again, insisted that their accounts were true, and that they would abide by them, and desired that we would send for the Fort St. David merchants' accounts and that it might be specified therein, what they gave for the cloth in the country, and the particular charges of bringing the same from Salem to Fort St. David, but as the examining into this affair will take up a great deal of time before we can come to any exactness wherein the difference lies, the further consideration was deferred till after the dispatch of the *Colchester*.

The Board then proceeded to examine the morees and other fine goods provided in this part of the country, and observing most of them to fall short of our old musters, the merchants were examined concerning the same, and told, that we should be obliged to turn a great deal of it out; to which they replied, that they provided these goods only for their brokerage, and they would give us a fair account of the cost, but that we must not turn any of it out. In answer to which they were told, that they had musters given them, and they were to provide goods according to those musters and we would according to our agreement pay them what the same should cost, but that a great deal of what they had brought in was so far inferiour to those musters, that it could not be called the same sort of cloth, and therefore if they could not get such as was agreeable to the musters, they ought to have declared so before, and returned the money; for at the rate they went on, and if we should take in all that they did from the weavers, we should soon run into a different manufacture. The merchants having little more to say for themselves than that they had brought in the best they could get, and would give in a true and faithfull account of the cost and charges, they were ordered to withdraw; after which the Warehousekeeper was ordered to sort the whole and to take in none that did not come up to number two in the ginghams, betteelas, superfine morees, and fine and ordinary morees, and to number three in the salampores and long cloth fine; for so much as should come under those numbers, the Board ordered it to be laid by for further consideration after the dispatch of the *Colchester*.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

Account sales of sundries imported at Bouchier per Galatea.

		Sugar Candy.					[*Tomaunds*]
3265	Maund 3		at 7	...	...	213 20 ...	
1554	Do. 1		at 7 10	...	...	116 56 17½	
							329 76 17½
		Sugar					
10167	Do. 3		at 4 15	...	...		483 ... 15
		Tinn					
581	Do.		at 18	...	...	104 58 ...	
160	Do.		at 17	...	...	27 20 ...	
2201	Do.		at 15	...	...	330 15 ...	
1760	Do.		at 14	...	...	246 40 ...	
150	Do.		at 13	...	...	19 50 ...	
186	Do.		at 15	...	...	27 90 ...	
150	Do.		at 14	...	...	21	
							776 73 ...
		Benjamin					
88	Do. 3		at 15	...	...	13 31 5	
33	Do.		at 30	...	...	9 90 ...	
533	Do.		at 15	...	...	79 95 ...	
							103 16 5
812	Do	Ginger	at 4 10	...	...		36 54 ...
1748	Do.	Pepper.	at 9		...		157 34 ...
26	Do.	Cardamons	at 41	...	...		10 66 ...
315	Do.	Sandele	at 7	...	...		22 6 15
554	Do.	Turmerick	at 2 10		...		13 85 ...
1938	Do. 2	Iron	at 3	...	...		58 14 15
87	pieces	Chints	at 68	...	...		59 16 ...
1065		Grapnalls	at 7 10		...		79 84 5
1645	2	Lead	at 3	...	..		49 36 10
3160		Gunnies	at 1	...	...		31 60 ...
10		Large plank	at 3 50		...		35 .. ...
3		Do.		...	...		2 ... ...

100		Hammers		...	...	38	...	...
274	pieces	Mullmulls	at 29	...	...	79	4	6
100		Chints		...	...	70	...	...
349	Maunds	Tinn	at 15	...	...	52	35	...
257	Pieces	Blue cloth	at 16	...	...	84	32	...
295	Maunds	Tin	at 15	...	...	44	25	...
66	pieces	Chints	at 47	..	..	31	2	...
10	pieces	Lunges	at 9	...	...	...	90	..
10	pieces	Dimity Ca[tes]?		...	...	4	50	...
11	pieces	Gold Chints at	1	40	...	15	40	...
90½	guz		at 41	...	...	37	10	...
					Tomaunds	2705	12	8½

Fort St. George,
18th September, 1740.

Errors Excepted

PER ROBERT MYLNE.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, THE 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1740.

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Our garrison consisting at present of 540 men, officers included, and will remain about four hundred and eighty after the draughts made for Fort St. David and the West Coast, and the establishment for the two company's being no more than 160 men each, agreed that the supernumerary men be formed into a third company and the command thereof given to Lieutenant Southby for so long as it may be necessary to keep up a larger force than we are limited to in more quiet times.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1740, ARISE ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZT.—

	p.	f.	c.	p.	f.	c.	p.	f.	c.
Fort Marlborough, Vizt.—									
Paid allowance money to Raja Cooladen and servants.				10	0	0			
Arab soldiers listed here for the West Coast service as per book				48	0	0			
Paid Capt. Dutton, Master of the sloop *Carolina* for charges of provision &ct. from Marlbrô to Moco Moco for the Sultan and his attendants and for two soldiers from Moco Moco to Marlbrô'				10	2	32			
							68	2	32
Charges general, Vizt.—									
Paid 100 peons extraordinary ...				85	13	0			
Batty abroad	11	12	0						
Batty at home	30	20	0						
				41	32	0			
							127	14	0
Bombay Presidency, Vizt.—									
Paid the military and galley men landed ashore here from on board the *Royal Guardian*				80	28	0			
Robert Haldan and James Brown for May and June omitted				10	4	0			
Diet money to Messrs. Hope and Hatton for this month				16	0	0			
							106	32	0
Bengal Presidency Vizt.—									
Paid making and cutting 6 seals in silver ...							10	20	0
Charges extraordinary, Vizt.—									
Paid dieting 3 prisoners upon the choultry				1	10	40			
Marshal's note for dieting a lunatick soldier				2	0	0			
Allowance money to Mr. Ackman's child				2	0	0			
House rent for the Rev. Mr. R. Wynch				7	0	0			

	p.	f.	c.	p.	f.	c.
A smith for beating down bad pagodas	1	2	60			
Paid Mr. Thomas Holmes, mate of ship *Nancy* to provide himself with cloaths and necessaries for the voyage to England on the *Wilmington* as per order of Consultation...	30	0	0			
Paid head money of 36 soldiers landed ashore here from the *Colchester* and *Heathcote*	40	0	0			
Refreshing money for 35 soldiers	11	24	0			
Boat and cooley hire bringing them ashoar	0	20	0			
Cots for 35 soldiers, 35	5	3	60			
Batty allowed to 250 peons belonging to palliagars ...	208	12	0			
				309	1	0
Repairs of fortifications, Vizt.—						
Materials used and workmen employed in sundry places this month as per book				324	35	40
Pagodas....				946	32	72

CONSULTATION, TUESDAY, THE 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1740.

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George Torriano, Rental General, pays in three hundred (300) pagodas on account of quit rents, and requests permission to entertain two additional peons for gathering in those rents, because those he is now allowed, being obliged on account of the badness of the coin now current in the Black Town, to carry every pagoda as they receive it to the shroff, spend so much of their time in going backward and forward for that purpose, that it will be impossible to compleat the accounts in the year without more assistance, which request is for the said reason agreed to.

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RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

CONSULTATION, SATURDAY, THE 1ST NOVEMBER, 1740.

The Import-Warehousekeeper acquaints the Board that he had again tried the shroffs relating to the purchase of the silver, but the best offer which had been made him as yet was from Linga Chitty, who would take ten chests at fourteen and five eighths ($14\frac{5}{8}$) dollar weight of standard silver for ten (10) pagodas, would pay ready money for five chests and pay for the other five in one month. The Board beleiving they shall not have a better offer agreed to accept thereof and the Import-Warehousekeeper is ordered to deliver ten chests of bullion to Linga Chitty upon those terms.

Agreed that five thousand (5,000) Pags. be paid Telesinga Chittee and Nellamoota Comrapa for callicoes brought in by them, and then they put the Board in mind of the promise made them in August 1739, that they should have two hundred bales of the broad cloth received from Europe that year and the consultation of the 21st August 1739 being called for the Board observed that promise was conditional, but however as Tomby Chitty and his partners did the 20th of last month pay in the first payment and promised to be more punctual in the next in further part of their debt, the Board were willing to comply with their request in letting them have one third of the broad cloth received last year, but the price not being then settled the Board asked them what they proposed to give for it, to which they replied that we must be very sensible how much the prices of all goods were affected by the troubles and the hazard there was of sending them up into the country, that they knew we would not consent to abate any thing of the price we sold the broad cloth of 1738 for, and therefore they did not ask it ; but they hoped we would let them have it at the same rate which was as much as they could

afford to give with any hopes of a reasonable proffit considering the risque they run in the country, and the interest they must pay as they understood they were to lay the money down before they took the cloth out of the ware-house.

The Board having abundant reason to be convinced of the bad effects which the troubles in the country have had, and still have, upon all trade, that great part of the broad cloth which the other merchants took out of the warehouse the beginning of the year remains still in town, and that they have been obliged to sett it at a less price than formerly in order to encourage the buyers and promote the consumption, which is much decreased of late by the warrs in Misore and Tritchanopoly, which countries when they were in peace took off considerable quantities, agreed to let Tellesinga Chitty and Nella Moota Comrapa have two hundred bales or one third of the broad cloth received last year at thirty (30) per cent advance as usual, but that they pay the money for it before they take it out of the warehouse agreeable to our Hon'ble masters directions the 21st March 1739/40 Par. 10 and that the other four hundred bales or two-thirds be delivered upon the same terms to Molinga Kistna and Ponnapa Chitty.

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Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—William Monson—George Torriano.

Consultation, Monday, the 3rd November, 1740.

(Mr. Morse *absent.*)

Last Consultation read and signed.

The President acquaints the Board that there has for some days been a report that the Morattas were coming again into this province, which had given a fresh alarm to the inhabitants; that yesterday the families of several considerable Moor men came into town, more were come to day, and others were upon the road; that he had endeavoured to inform himself what might be the reason of the Morattas marching again towards Arcot, concerning which, reports were very different, but that which had the best authority, and which he hoped might be depended on was, that Ragojee Busseirah was coming with only three thousand horse to the feast at Trinomoly, and though the grand army was advanced to Coloure it was only to receive the last payment due from the Nabob, who had sent Kistnajee Puntaloo to settle it with them. However, as neither Morattas or Moors depend much upon the faith of each other, the Nabob was putting himself in a posture of defence at Arcot, and had given leave to those who were afraid to stay there, to go and secure themselves where they thought fitt, till all matters were adjusted between him and the Morattas and these last were retired again to a greater distance. In the mean time the President has given fresh directions to the hircarras to observe what passed in the country and send him constant advices of the motions of the Moratta forces.

The President then acquainted the Board that agreeable to what was recommended to him in Consultation the 8th September, he had often since Trivitee Sashachilum's return from the country, endeavoured to settle all matters between him and the others proposed to be concerned with him in the cowles for the betle and tobacco, and those for the Measuring Duty and Town Brokerage; but many difficulties had been started on both sides, till at last they had agreed that Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chittee should be named in the cowle for the betle and tobacco, and Gongadarah Eyah, Sombayah and Quotambaucum Gruapa for the Measuring Duty and Town Brokerage, Quotambaucum Gruapa and Gongadarah Eyah not being of a rank equal to Trivitee Sashachilum is the reason his gomasta Sombayah is named in his stead. The President added that Sashachilum having occasion for his interest and assistance in some affairs in the country, had given him an opportunity to engage him in these cowles which if he

had not, that for the betle and tobacco must in all probability have been let at a much less rent.

Agreed that the persons named for the several cowles be incerted therein, and that the Secretary draw them out ready for signing again next Consultation.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1740 ARISES ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZT.

Fort Marlborough, Vizt.			
Allowance money to Raja Cooladeen and servants			Pags. 10 0 0
Charges general, Vizt.			
Batty abroad per book ... ... Pags.	12 0 0		
Batty at home	31 8 60		
		43 8 60	
Stationary ware delivered out of the store house as per Storekeeper's note ...	316 31 16		
		360 3 76	
Charges extraordinary, Vizt.			
Dieting prisoners upon the choultry and mending shackles	3 4 40		
Paid the Marshal's note for dieting a lunatick soldier	2 0 0		
Allowance money to Mr. Ackman's child.	2 0 0		
House rent for the Rev. Mr. Wynch ...	7 0 0		
One smith attending the shroff to beat down bad Pags.	1 2 60		
Beetle nut, fruits, &ct. tender'd the people attending a present of a syrpaw to the Governour from Iraset Cawn at Arcot	6 28 15		
Cooleys bringing a cask of beer from the Sea gate for the soldiers ...	0 1 40		
Paid travelling charges and provisions for 30 soldiers draughted hence to Fort St. David	32 19 20		
Advanced 2 serjeants and 14 peons attending them	7 19 0		
	40 2 20		
Batty allowed Peddu Naig and Gunapa Naig's peons 250 in the out batteries and Mettahs at fans. 30 each per month ...	208 12 0		
		270 15 15	
Repairs of fortifications, Vizt.			
Materials used and workmen employed in sundry places this month		195 12 30	
Pagodas		835 31 41	

DIARY, DECEMBER 2ND, 1740.

Upon advices received yesterday evening and this morning that the Morattas have plundered and burnt several towns no great distance from us, the Council being with the Governour on occasion of the sessions, agreed to deferr sending the supply of cash to Fort St. David, as intended yesterday, and ordered the Secretary to advise the Deputy Governour and Council thereof.

Consultation, Thursday, the 4th December, 1740.

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The accounts of the cost of cloth provided by our several sets of merchants consisting of several sheets of paper, the entering of all which after our Consultations would occasion a great deal of writing work, to prevent which it is agreed to appoint a committee to examine the particulars and that it be an instruction to them to report to the Board in what particulars our merchants have charged more than the merchants at Fort St. David on the Salem cloth and also that they examine the merchants about the charges of bringing the cloth from Fort St. David and Salem and whether the charge of eighteen (18) fanams per corge for servants' wages and peons' batta be warranted by any account of the particulars. Agreed that Messrs. Burton and Morse be a Committee for this purpose, and that our Hon'ble Masters may see the nature of the accounts delivered in by the merchants ordered that a copy of those delivered in by Telesinga Chitty and Nellamuta Comrapa be entered after this Consultation.

All our accounts from the country agreeing that the Morattas are again spread over the province and have plundered several towns and villages, it was thought proper to order all our military upon duty, and the Paymaster is directed to make them the usual allowance of arrack, and as we know not what further designs the Morattas may have the Paymaster is also ordered to lay in a stock of provisions for the use of the garrison.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

An account of the cost and charges of several parcels of calicoes brought in at Madrass from several parts of the country from 30th July 1739 to the 31st May 1740.

By Tellesinga Chittee and Nellamoota Comrapa.

Corge.	Ps.	Long cloth middling brown.	P. f c.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
65	8	Bought at Cadungalore at 41·9 per corge.	...	2,697 27 0	...	
		Allowance made by the weavers on the parcel for faults in the quality.	...	5 30 30	...	
				2,691 32 50		
		Custom and charges there ...	20 3 49	...	...	
		Do. on the way hither.	51 31 51	...	...	
		Oxenhire	35 29 20	...	...	
				107 27 40		
					2,799 24 10	
74	15	Trichetygondrum at 41·9 per corge ...	...	3,083 15 60		
		Allowed by the weavers	...	4 33 60	...	
		Custom and charges there	52 12 20	3,078 18 0	...	
		Do. on the way hither	28 28 5	...	...	
		Oxenhire	31 21 45	...	...	
				112 25 70		
					3,191 7 70	
49	15	Maddranticum at 41·9	...	2,052 6 60	...	
		Allowed by the weavers	...	3 31 40	...	
				2,049 12 20		
		Custom and charges there	16 7 73	...	...	
		Do. on the way hither	39 13 40	...	...	
		Oxenhire	26 14 33	...	...	
				81 35 46		
					2,131 11 66	
17	...	Mannumpody at 41·9 per corge ...	...	701 9 0	...	
		Allowed by the weavers	...	1 3 30	...	
				700 5 50		
		Custom and charges there	7 16 56	...	...	
		Do. on the way hither	3 33 30	...	...	
		Oxenhire	6 35 6	...	...	
				18 13 12		
					718 18 62	

Corge.	Ps.	Long cloth middling brown.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
4	6	Paddapee at 41·9 per corge ...	...	177 13 40	...	
		Allowed by the weavers	...	1 5 5	...	
				176 8 35		
		Custom and charges there	0 33 18		...	
		Do. on the way hither	0 32 71	...	...	
		Oxenhire	1 26 42	...	...	
				3 20 51	179 29 6	
30	14	Atcharapaucum at 41·9 per corge ...	...	1,266 13 40	..	
		Allowed by the weavers		3 27 70	...	
				1,262 21 50		
		Custom and charges there	10 15 72	..	...	
		Do. on the way hither	23 21 65	...	...	
		Oxenhire	16 8 16	...	...	
				50 9 73	1,312 31 43	
23	16	Conjeevaram at 41·9 per corge ...	...	981 27 0	...	
		Allowed by the weavers	...	2 27 0	...	
				979 0 0		
		Custom and charges there	6 16 70	...	...	
		Do. on the way hither	15 17 69	...	...	
		Oxenbire	10 0 0	...	...	
				31 34 58	1,010 34 59	
34	11	Annacavoor Trivitore at 41·9 per Corge.	...	1,425 6 60	...	...
		Deduction allowed by the weavers ...	...	3 9 0	..	...
				1,421 33 60		
		Custom and charges there	11 14 32	...	...	...
		Do on the way hither	33 31 76		...	...
		Oxenhire	27 21 30	72 31 58	1,494 29 38	
		Madrass charges on Cor. 300 Ps. 5. ...	...	...	12,839 7 34	
		Brokerage paid by the merchants to the persons who provide the cloth in the country at Ps. 11 fans. 20 per corge.	...	33 29 60	...	...
		The merchants' brokerage as per agreement 1 per corge.	...	300 9 0	...	...
		Peddanaigues duty 9·30 per 100 pags. ...	...	32 6 60	...	
		Coolyhire peons and servants 18 per corge.	...	150 4 40	576 14 5	...
300	5	L.C.M. Brown costs	...	...	...	13,415 21 39
Corge.	**Ps.**	**Long cloth Salem brown bought at**	—	—	—	—
144	16	Salem at 40 ps 18 fs per corge	...	5,864 14 32		
		Custom and charges there	178 16 52	...	...	...
		Do. on the road hither	231 5 16	...	...	...
		Oxenhire	236 13 4	...	...	...
		Ropes	3 3 4	649 1 76	6,513 16 28	...
294	6	Salem, and carried to Fort St. David Vizt.	...	...	...	..
		79·4 at 40 per corge	...	3,168 0 0	...	...
		215·2 40·18	...	8,711 19 64	...	...
				11,879 19 64		
		Custom and charges at Salem	354 13 33	...	...	...
		Do. on the way to Fort St. David ..	164 29 11	...	..	...
		Oxenhire	27 21 12	...	...	...
		Rope	3 3 3	...	...	...
		Freight and boat hire from St. David's on 254 corges 6 ps. at 18 fs. per corge 127–5–32.				
		On 40 at 27 30	157 5 32	951 0 11	12,830 19 75	...
		Madrass charges on 493 corges 2 ps. or 8782 ps.				
		Brokerage paid for providing the cloth at Salem, 1 Salem fanam per piece is 8782 Salem fa. at 23½ S.f. per pagoda.	...	373 26 0	...	...
		The merchants brokerage at 1 p. per corge.	...	439 3 48	...	...
		Peddanaigne's duty 9·30 per 100 pieces.	...	46 7 40	...	
		Coolyhire, peons and servants at fans. per cor.	...	219 19 64	1,078 20 72	...
439	2	L.C.S. Brown costs	...	...	...	20,422 21 15

Corge.	Ps.	Long cloth ordinary brown bought at	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
11	10	Tritchetygond[r]um at 37-18 per corge.		...		431	9	0		..			...	
		Allowed by the weavers		...		1	24	60		...			...	
						429	20	20		...			...	
		Custom and charges there	7	22	5									
		Do. on the way hither	4	7	46		...			...			...	
		Oxenhire	4	9	28	16	2	79	445	23	19		..	
	12	Maddranticum at 36·9 per corge ...		...		21	27	0		...			...	
		Allowed by the weavers		...		0	3	30		...			...	
						21	23	50		...			...	
70	14	Mamnumpody Vizt. 16 corge 1 piece at 36-31-40 per corge.	591	30	30		...			...			...	
		54 corge 13 pieces at 37-18.	2,049	13	40		...			...			...	
			2,641	7	70		...			...			...	
		Allowed by the weavers	4	23	4	2,636	20	66		...			...	
						2,658	8	36		...			...	
		Custom and charges at those places ...	30	26	58									
		Do. on the way hither	29	16	1									
		Oxenhire	16	27	64	76	34	43	2,735	6	79			
									3,180	30	18			
		Madrass charges on 82 corges 16 pieces.												
		Brokerage in the country at 11 fs. 20 per corge.				25	31	40						
		The merchants brokerage at 1 p. ...				82	28	64						
		Peddanaigue's duty 9·30 per 100 Pags.				8	0	55						
		Cooly hire peons and servants at 18 per corge.				41	14	32	158	3	31			
82	16	L. C. O. Brown costs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	3338	33	49
Corge.	Ps.	Long cloth fine brown bought at		——			——			——			——	
32	17	Paddapee at 60 per corge				1971	0	0						
		Allowed by the weavers				17	12	30						
						1953	23	50						
		Custom and charges there	3	11	48									
		Do. on the way hither	12	26	57									
		Oxenhire	7	17	12									
						23	19	37	1977	7	7			
		Madrass charges on 32 corge 17 pieces.												
		Brokerage in the country at 13·40 per corge.				12	14	70						
		The merchants brokerage at 1·18. ...				49	9	72						
		Peddanaigue's duty 9·30 per 100 pieces				5	15	20						
		Cooleyhire; peons and servants at 18 per corge.				16	15	24	83	19	26			
32	17	L. C. F. Brown costs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2060	26	33
Corge.	Ps.	Salampores fine brown bought at		——			——			——			——	
2	9	Paddapee at 25 per corge				61	9	0						
		Allowed by the weavers				0	14	50						
						60	30	30						
		Custom and charges there and on the road.												
		Oxenhire				0	31	32	61	25	62			
66	18	Cauronee at 25 per corge				1660	0	0						
		Allowed by the weavers				13	7	25						
						1646	28	55						
		Custom and charges and oxenhire ..				17	3	35	1663	32	10			
									1725	21	72			

Corge.	Ps.	Salampores fine bown bought at	—	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
		Madrass charges on 68 corge 17 pieces.										
		Brokerage in the country at 4·40 per corge.		8	21	66						
		The merchants brokerage 27		51	22	76						
		Peddanaigue's duty 9·30 per 100 pieces.		4	16	10						
		Coolyhire peons and servants 9 per C...		17	7	52	81	32	44			
68	17	S. A. F. B own costs	... ...	...	.	...	...	...	...	1807	18	36
									Pags. ...	41045	13	12

Abstract of the foregoing parcels of brown cloth with their medium prices.

	Corge.	Ps.	at	Pags.	Fan.	Cash per Corge.			
Long cloth, middling	300	5	at	44	24	42	13,415	21	39
Long cloth, Salem	439	2	at	46	18	25	20,422	21	15
Long cloth, ordinary	82	16	at	40	11	57	3,338	33	49
Long cloth, fine	32	17	at	62	26	20	2,060	26	33
Salampores, fine	68	17	at	26	9	10	1,807	18	36
						Pags. ...	41,045	13	12

Consultation, Tuesday, the 9th December, 1740.

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The Board having in Consultation the 30th May last agreed that it was absolutely necessary that that part of the White Town lying from Charles Point to the cloth godowns next the river should be inclosed with a wall and having hitherto deferr'd the consideration in what manner it should be built partly for want of materials and partly because the Morattas having come to an agreement with the Nabob to leave the country on payment of a sum of money we thought there was reason to hope they would before now have returned to their own country without giving us any molestation ; but as we look upon their late conduct to be a breach of faith with the Nabob and a manifest violation of their agreements with him, and it being confidently reported on all hands that they intend to visit the sea ports, the Board agreed it to be absolutely necessary that some fence should be run up at the beforementioned part of the White Town as soon as possible, but as we have not a sufficient quantity of materials ready, and perhaps also not sufficient time to build a strong wall there, the Paymaster was ordered for the present to run up a wall of two bricks and a half thick upon the wharf which has been already built there by the inhabitants and that it be twelve feet high above the w[h]arf. The expence of this will not be above four or five hundred pagodas and our intention is only to make such a fence as may prevent the enemy from marching directly into the town and their musketry from firing into the houses either of which they might at present do if they have never so little resolution since the river is fordable and the bank on the opposite side as high as the wharf on this. But as this is only a temporary remedy and very far from a sufficient security it is agreed to represent the same to our Hon'ble masters and desire permission to secure all that side of the town effectually by building a curtain with proper batteries and points all along it.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

Consultation, Thursday, the 18th December, 1740.

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The President acquaints the Board that Imaum Saib on his going to the northward had sent his children hither for security in the present unsettled state of the country and he being now Phousdar at Metchlepatam in very great favour

both with Nazar Jung and his father Chicklis Cawn, and standing fair for some considerable preferment in this province whenever they shall resolve to settle the government, the President therefore proposed to the consideration of the Board whether it may not be of service to the Company's affairs to take the opportunity of the approaching feast to make a present to the children of about 150 pagodas value; which being debated, it was agreed that preserving the friendship of Imaum Saib was of great consequence to the Company, that such an occasion is not likely to happen again, and the laying hold of it must be agreeable to him, and therefore the President's proposal was agreed to. The list is entered after this Consultation and the amount ordered to be paid out of cash.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

List and value of a present to be made to Imaum Saib's children.

	Pieces.	Pags.	Pags.
Atlasses.	2	at 25	50
,,	2	at 15	30
,,	1	...	20
			100

Loaves.						
Loaf sugar, 21 ...	pz. 126 15/16	... at 5 fans.	per lb. ...	17	23	...
Sugar	5 Md.	.... at $16\frac{1}{2}$ ...	per Candy	4	4	10
Sugar Candy ...	5	... at $1\frac{5}{8}$ pag.	per Md. ...	8	4	40
Kismisses ...	5	... at $1\frac{5}{8}$ ...	per Md. ...	8	4	40
Do. black ...	3	... at $1\frac{5}{8}$ ...	per Md. ...	4	31	40
Almonds ...	5	... at 1 ..	...	5	...	...
Rosewater ...	10 bottles ...	...	... ...	5	20	...
			Pags. ...	153	16	0
		Gurrahs $\frac{1}{2}$ piece for packing	...		13	40
			Pags. ...	153	29	40

Consultation, Saturday, the 20th December, 1740.

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A very high sea upon the full moon in October last having overset the palisadoes and piles between the block house by New Point and the sea the Paymaster is ordered to have them set up again, and the Lieutenants of the garrison representing that it would be necessary to have a small palisado fence made within side the gates of the Black Town to secure the guards there in case there should be any design to surprize them and as we ought to guard against all treachery within as well as an enemy without, the Paymaster is ordered to set about them, it being computed also that the expence will be but a trifle.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

Consultation, Monday, the 22nd December, 1740.

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Messrs. Burton and Morse deliver in their report of the accounts delivered in by the merchants of the cost of the cloth in the country, as entered hereafter; upon which the Board further remarked that except 18 fans. per corge, which some of it costs at Salem more than that brought by the St. David merchants,

and the charge of 30 fns. 50 ca. per corge brokerage paid by our merchants, the other charges are incident to the great distance we are from Salem more than Fort St. David; but however all the charges together makes our cloth here come out six per cent dearer than the St. David cloth; whether it be so much better in goodness we must wait the opinion of our Hon'ble masters from the sale in England, but the Board are of opinion that some reduction may and ought to be made in the brokerage paid the merchant's broker at Salem, and that there may be a further saving in the article of servants' wages and the peons' batta for carrying letters backwards and forwards—we say this will require to be considered before we enter into any further engagements with our merchants for next year, but at present the country is so full of troubles by the Morattas having entered a second time into this province and their intended march to the southward, that none of the merchants think it safe to send any more money to the country for the provision of callicoes When the country is settled and we know what quantities the Fort St. David merchants will agree for, we may then consider whether it will be necessary that the Madrass merchants should continue to provide cloth at Salem, or whether it may be more for the Company's interest to confine our merchants to what investment they can make in this part of the country.

The Paymaster delivers in as entered hereafter a calculate of the cost of the wall to be built behind the houses on the west side of Charles Street along the river amounting to four hundred fifty seven (457) pagodas.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—
WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Agreeable to your order in Consultation of the 4th this instant December, we have examined the Hon'ble Company's merchants concerning the Salem cloth which they procure being dearer in the prime cost and charges upon it, than that sent from Fort St. David, and they give us the following account Vizt.

Tellesinga Chittee says he has provided as broker for the Hon'ble Company,

	Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	fns.	
Already brought to account	359 :	18	at 40	18	per Corge.
Do.	79 :	4 }	at 40	0	Do.
Not yet brought to account	376 :	0 }			
Do.	156 :	6	at 39	18	Do.

We observe that upon this cloth besides his own brokerage of 1 pagoda per corge according to contract, he charges brokerage given to his agents at Salem fans. 30–50 per corge, which is not charged on the Fort St. David cloth.

To which he answers that he bargained with his agents there to give 1 Salem fanam a peice or Madrass fanams 30–50 per corge, to encourage them to take care and sort it well, that none may be returned on their hands and he further saith that the cloth which his agents do turn out is taken in at Fort St. David, and at Pondicherry at a lower price. This he alledges as a reason why his cloth must necessarily come out dearer than theirs, and that he could not answer for the goodness of his cloth from thence without being at that extraordinary charge of brokerage and we think upon examination that his cloth doth come out according to the several sortments, better than that from Fort St. David.

Your honour &ct. will observe by the paper herewith delivered you that 144 corges 16 pieces of his long cloth already brought to account come directly over land hither from Salem, which has made the encrease of the charges upon it by oxenhire and expences on the road Pags. 1-8-75 a corge more than upon that which came by sea from Fort St. David viz:—294 corge—16 pieces.

We observe in the account the merchants have given in they have charged for freight boat and cooley hire on that brought by sea from St. David after the rate of fanams 19–17 per corge which charge appearing to us very large we called upon them to give us the particulars and the account they have given us is as follows :—

Godown rent at Fort St. David fans. 2 per corge.	
1 Merchant named Mootapah	5 Pags. per month.
3 Peons	2
2 Cooleys	2
Pags.	9 per month.

which 9 pagodas a month he computes at the rate of 4 fans. 40 cash.

Banksall, cooly hire to the sea side, boat hire and peons to come up with the cloth at ... ... fans.	1	20
Charges at Madrass on the arrival of the cloth in boat and cooly hire and peons at	1	20
These charges with the freight at	9	0
Amounts to fans.	18 per corge.	

They likewise charge 18 fans. per corge for the expence of servants and carrying letters backwards and forwards, and this upon the cloth brought in from this country as well as from Salem, and the account they give of the particulars is as follows.

Wages and batty to peons carrying letters backwards and forwards in continual pay for a year ... ... Pags.	321	16	0
Servants' wages, conicoplies, cooleys, &ct.	271	15	0
Cooleys moving cloth from one godown to another ...	42	13	0
Allowance to the avildars of the several mettas in the Pullenella country through which the cloth comes	36	11	0
Pags.	671	19	0

In some particulars our merchants charge less upon the Salem cloth than the St. David's merchants ; but our instructions being only to examine the exceedings, we have confined ourselves to those, and we find the other Madrass merchants have charged the same in all particulars as Tellesinga Chittee and Nella Moota Comrapah, and give the same reasons for it, which we offer again to your consideration and are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse.

Fort St. George,
22nd December, 1740.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in the Paymaster's account for the month of November, arise as follow.

Charges general, Vizt.—			
100 peons extraordinary, in pay. Pags.		85 18 0	
Batty abroad per book ...	3 10 0		
Batty at home	25 31 20		
		29 5 20	
			114 23 20
Charges extraordinary, Vizt.—			
Paid dieting 7 prisoners upon the choultry this month ...	2 33 0		
Marshal's note for dieting a lunatick soldier	2 0 0		
Allowance money to Mr. Ackman's child	2 0 0		
House rent for the Rev. Mr. Wynch	7 0 0		

Christening 2 c[h]ildren of soldiers	Pags. 2 0 0		
One smith attending the shroff to beat down bad pagodas.	1 1 40		
Gave the Mauldars &ca. attending several presents to the Governour, Vizt.—			
From Nazzer Jung a present of syrpaw	53 17 60		
From Imaum Saib a present of a syrpaw	17 23 40		
From Bungar Naig present of syrpaw	6 4 0		
Tendered Wooly Mahomud Cawn and his retinue ...	5 34 40		
From the daughter of Emaum Sahib a present of sweetments	1 19 0		
Expended 28 flasks rosewater in serving the merchants and Moormen on meeting the Governour sundry times ...	14 0 0		
		98 26 60	
Batty allowed to 250 peons of polliagars Peddunaig and Gunapa		208 12 0	
			324 1 20
Fort Marlborough, Vizt.—			
Paid allowance money to Raja Cooladen and servants ...			10 0 0
House moveables, Vizt.—			
Paid for the following particulars, Vizt.—			
Persia carpets 1 pair ...	100 0 0		
Blackwood chairs 2 dozen ...	24 0 0		
Do. couches 2 ...	12 18 0		
Do. round table 1 ...	12 0 0		
			148 18 0
Account current, London, Vizt.—			
Paid diet and lodging for Mr. Flint, 3 months 15 days ...			52 18 0
Repairs of fortifications, Vizt.—			
Materials used and workmen employed in sundry places this month per book			70 4 30
Pagodas ...			719 28 70

List of persons in the service of the Honourable United Company on the coast of Choromandell.

Persons' names.	Time of arrival.	Stations at arrival.	Salary at arrival	Present stations.	Present employments.	Present salary grade.
		At Fort St. George.				
			£			
Richard Benyon Esqr.	28th June 1733 ...	Deputy Governor.	100	Governour ...	President of Council, Cash-keeper and Mint Master.	200, 100
Randall Fowke ...	11th July 1710 ...	Factor (entertained.)	15	Second of Council.	Accomptant and Sea Customer.	100
Augustus Burton ...	17th September 1709.	Writer ...	5	Third of Council.	Export Warehouse-keeper.	70
Nicholas Morse .	25th June 1718 ...	Writer ...	5	Fourth of Council.	Pay master ...	50
William Monson ...	7th June 1725 ...	Factor ...	15	Fifth of Council.	Land Customer and Import Warehousekeeper.	40
George Torriano ...	25th May 1719 ...	Factor ...	15	Sixth of Council	Storekeeper, Rental General and Scavinger.	40
John Graham ..	25th June 1718 ...	Writer ...	5	Senior Merchant.	......	40

LIST OF PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE HONOURABLE UNITED COMPANY ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL—(*cont.*)

Persons' names.	Time of arrival.	Stations at arrival.	Salary at arrival	Present stations.	Present employments.	Present salary grade.
		AT FORT ST. GEORGE—(*cont.*)	£			
Mathew Empson ...	25th June 1718 ...	Writer	5	Senior Merchant	Register of the Choultry and under the Land Customer.	40
John Stratton ...	15th October 1721.	Writer ...	5	Do.	Register of the Mayor's Court and under the Accomptant.	40
Holland Goddard ...	9th July 1726 ...	Writer ...	5	Do.	Under Paymaster.	40
John Hammond ...	12th July 1726 ...	Writer ...	5	Do.	Upper Searcher at the Sea Gate.	40
William Johnson ...	27th June 1726 ...	Writer ...	5	Do.	Register at the Sea Gate.	40
John Savage	26th June 1726 ...	Writer ...	5	Do.	Secretary, Sollicitor and Clerk of the Peace.	45, 40 85, 10
Samuel Harrison ...	21st July 1731 ...	Factor (entertained.)	15	Do.	Under Searcher at the Sea Gate.	40
Edward Fowke ...	1st July 1730 ...	Writer ...	5	Junior Merchant.	Under the Accomptant.	30
Edward Michell ...	2nd August 1731 ...	Writer ...	5	Junior Merchant.	Under Export Warehousekeeper.	30
Sidney Foxall ...	7th August 1736 ...	Factor ...	15	Factor	Assay Master ...	80, 15, 95
Cornelius Goodwin ...	7th August 1736 ...	Factor ...	15	Factor	Sub-accomptant ...	15
William Holt ...	18th August 1740 ...	Factor ...	15	Factor	Under the Secretary.	15
Samuel Greenhaugh.	15th August 1740 ...	Factor ...	15	Factor	Under Export Warehouse-keeper.	15
Richard Starke ...	29th December 1735.	Writer (entertained.)	5	Factor	Under the Secretary.	15
Charles Boddam ...	13th March 1736 ...	Writer ...	5	Writer	Under the Se-retary	5
John Halliburton ...	28th December 1736.	Writer ...	5	Writer	Under the Import Warehouse-keeper.	5
Henry Powney ...	7th August 1736 ..	Do.	5	Do.	Translator	5
Samuel Affleck ...	23rd June 1737 ...	Do.	5	Do.	Under the Store-keeper.	5
George Pigot ...	26th July 1737 ...	Do.	5	Do	Under the Secretary.	5
John Legg	......	Do.	5	Do.	......	5
Grantham Mead ...	......	Do.	5	Do.	......	5
Arthur Rider ...	18th August 1740 ...	Do.	5	Do.	Under the Secretary.	5
Foss Westcott ...	......	Do.	5	Do.	......	5
Alexander Wynch ...	15th August 1740 ...	Do. ...	5	Do.	Under the Accomptant.	5
John Smith	18th August 1740 ...	Do.	5	Do.	Under the Secretary.	5
John Churcey ...	18th August 1740 ...	Do.	5	Do.	Under the Accomptant	5
Revd. Robert Wynch.	......	......	..	......	Chaplain	50, 50
Revd. Eden Howard.	......	......	...	......	Do.	50, 50
Nathaniel Barlow ...	......	......	...	......	Surgeon	36
Robert Douglas ...	......	......	...	... .	Do.	36
		AT FORT ST. DAVID.				
James Hubbard Esqr.	22rd June 1730 ...	Reinstated 5th of Council at Fort St. George.	40	Deputy Governour.	Cashkeeper ...	100
Edward Croke ...	18th January 1708.	Writer ...	5	Second of Council.	Accountant and Warehouse-keeper.	[50]
Thomas Eyre ..	9th July 1726 ...	Factor ...	15	Third of Council	Paymaster ...	[40]
Edward Harris ..	14th June 1725 ...	Writer ...	5	Fourth of Council	Sea and Land Customer of Cuddalore.	[40]
Robert Allen ...	27th June 1730 ...	Do.	5	Fifth of Council.	Sea and Land Customer of Tevenepatam.	[40]
Charles ffoyer ...	23rd May 1730 ...	Do.	5	Sixth of Council.	Storekeeper ...	[30]
Zechariah Foxall ...	27th June 1730 ...	Do.	5	Junior Merchant.	Under the Paymaster.	[30]
Joseph Fowke ...	14th July 1736 ...	Do.	5	Writer	Secretary	[30]
Borlace Stacey ...	18th August 1740 ...	Do.	5	Do.	Under the Warehouse keeper.	(...)
Thomas Cooke ..	15th August 1740 ...	Do.	5	Do.	Under the Accountant.	(...)
Andrew Munro ...	......	......	...	Surgeon	......	[13...]

LIST OF PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE HONOURABLE UNITED COMPANY OF THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL—*cont*

Persons' names.	Time of arrival.	Stations at arrival.	Salary at arrival.	Present stations.	Present employment.	Present salary grade.
			AT VIZAGAPATAM.			
Charles Simpson Esqr	5th July 1717 ...	Writer ...	5	Chief	Cashkeeper ...	40
Thomas Saunders ...	14th July 1732 ...	Do.	5	Second of Council	Accomptant, Warehouse-keeper and Paymaster.	30
			AT INGERAM.			
Richard Prince ...	7th August 1736 ...	Factor ...	15	Resident ...	......	15
			AT MADDAPOLLAM.			
Joseph Goddard ...	5th July 1735 ...	Factor (entertained)	15	Resident ...	......	30
Robert Goddere ...	26th July 1737 ..	Writer ...	5	Assistant ...	......	5

Fort St. George,
30th December 1740.

LIST OF PERSONS NOT IN THE SERVICE OF THE HONOURABLE EAST INDIA COMPANY AT

FORT ST. GEORGE.

Constant inhabitants.	Supracargoes and Persons in the Service of		Captains and seafaring men in the service of .		Young women (unmarried).	Married women.	Widows.
	Madrass.	Bengal.	Madrass.	Bengal.			
[. . . .] vson Hart. John Saunders John Russell. Henry Crawford. Timothy Tullie. Henry Parsons. George Jones. William Percival. [Abr]aham Salomons. [Sol]omon Salomons. Mr. Scultze. [Levy] Moses. [Louis] De Medeiros. [Fr]ancis Barnewall. John Standard. [N]oah Cassamajor. [M]onsr Bailleu. Francis Carvalho. Christopher Craddock.	Charles Beard. Edward Fleetward John Edwards. Samuel Barlow. Thomas Watts D'Lemettrie. Samuel Hyland.	George Williamson. Richard Peiarce. Edmund Massey. Daniel Berriman Josiah Holmes. P. P. Templer. Samuel Griffith. Nathan Wrighte. Francis Fowke.	John Taylor. George Goring. James Barton. Charles Hopkins. Samuel Sutton. James Maul. Robert Northleigh. John Thorp. Robert Mylne. John Tomlinson. Edward Jacobs. Michael Collins. William Clarke. Andrew Munro. Thomas Pritchard.	Philip Parsons. John Fenton. Robert Castle. Richard Mann. John Manson. James Irving. George Brighte. William Harpnr. John Ross. William Hilman. John a Ranson. John Young. Walter Hooke. John Gunnings. Thomas Baillie. Robert Baillie.	Sophia Fowke. Cathne. Conset. Eliz Hawkes. Mary Beard. Eliz. Beard. Ann Pye. Eliz. Smart. Jane Smart. Mary Powney. Hannah Parker. Honoria Somerville. Ann Somerville. Christ. Dutton.	Frances Benyon. Jane Morse. Sus. Cat. Torriano. Margaret Wynch. Phœbe Graham. Eliz Empson. Mary Stratton. Ann Hammond. Ann Savage. Mary Harrison. Ann Barton. Eleanor Tullie. Martha Saunders. Ann Barlow. Margaret Barlow Grace Cradock. Ann Crawford. Reb. Cassamajor. Charls. Golightly. Eliz. Beard. Mary Parker. Anta. DeMedeiros. Catha. D'Lametrie. Mary Banewall Jane Smart Mary Northleigh. Mary Carvalho. Phillis Hopkins.	Catha Consett. Grace Mansell. Hannah Greenhaugh, Eleanor Pye. Ann Walton. Jane Collinson. Francis Berriman. Mary Powney.

Fort St. George,
31st December, 1740.

SELECTIONS FROM THE MADRAS RECORDS.

LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE, 1740.

(VOLUME No. 24.)

No. 14.

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.,
Deputy Governour &c. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd your severals of the 21st, 26th and 29th January and the *Mary* brigantine is arrived with the 225 bales of callicoes.

We observe by your last that Hussanally Cawn, the Nabob's youngest son, is soon expected at Trivady, and your reasons why it may be necessary to make him a present. It's but too well known in the province the power which the Nabob's sons assume to themselves independent of their father, and which has fixed a necessity of paying greater court to them than to the Nabob himself. If we mistake not, the country about you is more particularly under the government of Hussanally Cawn and it may be imprudent to let him pass by you a second time without sending some persons to wait on him with a suitable present and therefore we leave it to you to act in that respect as you see necessary, and so we do in case the Nabob should also come your way; but as to him we are told he designs back to Arcot, and that he has actually left Allumparrah. We shall to-day send you by cooleys some embossed cloth and velvets, which is all that we have in our warehouse fit for presents.

We are, worshipfull sir and sirs, Your affectionate friends and servants,

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

Fort St. George,
5th February, 1739/40.

No. 19.

To Charles Simpson Esqr. Chief &c. at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

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Our Honourable masters by the last ships have been pleasd to order that the cash at all their settlements should be lock'd up under three keys to be kept by the Chief and the two next in Council, and the ballance to be produced monthly upon reading the cash account. Mr. Simpson having been alone the last year, it was needless to advise you thereof before, but now that we send Mr. Saunders, we direct that it be complied with except five thousand rupees and two thousand pagodas, which may be kept by the Chief alone for all ordinary occasions, but the whole ballance must be produced monthly in Consultation.

In our letter of the 13th February last year we recommended to you to allow all your inhabitants without distinction a full liberty of trade and we must now also recommend to you a regular and impartial administration of justice as being not less essential to the welfare of the place; and that there may be no complaints of any hardships either from delay or other reasons, we direct that when any person is confined in the choultry, at his own house, or elsewhere, or put under the charge of peons, the cause thereof shall be reported next Consultation, which Consultation shall be held within three days and the person so committed to custody shall be continued or discharged as shall be then agreed.

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Fort St. George,
14th February, 1739/40.

Richard Benyon, &ca.

No. 31.

To Mr. Richard Prince, Resident at Ingeram.

Sir,

As you are now upon your departure for Ingeram, we think proper to give you the following instructions:—

The Company's standard measure of the long cloths is seventy-two covids long and two and six inches broad, and of the salampores thirty-two long and two and a quarter broad; and the buyers at the sale expect they should hold out that; and though the Company have not forbid taking in the O chop, the measure of which is specified in the invoices from Ingeram, yet they have frequently, and still continue to complain that the Ingeram cloth does not hold out according to the measure in the invoice. You must be particularly carefull therefore to prevent all further complaint upon this account.

You carry with you musters out of the warehouse of the izzarees, fine long cloths and salampores. Of the first you seem to be in doubt whether you can procure above five hundred pieces in the year, but if you can make up a thousand, they will be acceptable. You must however be sure to keep up to the muster. What the Company complain of in those they have from hence is that they are too thin, and if that fault cannot be mended with you, we may as well provide them here. As to the fine long cloth and salampores we think [you will] not be able to procure more than we shall have [. . .] and therefore we say, get all you [. . .] been a constant complaint of the [. . .] that it is ill-cured and too soft [. . .] fine cloth is now generally appl [. . .] must endeavour to get the thread [. . .] much as is ready to send us in August let it come up brown, but that which you send us in December must be cured with you as we cannot hope to do it here in time to send home this season; and we hope you will be able to mend the defect complain'd of in the colour.

As you have instructions now to provide more sorts of cloth than formerly, you must be particular at the foot of your letters to us, how much you have of each sort embaled, at the washers and brown.

The Master of the *Calcutta* sloop has orders to put you ashoar at Ingeram, and then to proceed to the Bay. You must not detain him longer than to land the stores we send with you as per invoice and bill of lading inclosed.

Mr. Andrews in his letter writes us that he has procur'd a letter from Chicklis Cawn's Duan to Anawardee Cawn, wherein he assures him that he will take no batta on our pagodas at Golcondah, and orders him not to take any on what circulates in his province. We dont know what effect it may have; but you carry with you also a letter from the President to the Nabob on the same subject, and we hope you will be able to prevail with him that they may pass as formerly.

We are, Sir, Your affectionate friends,

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

Fort St. George,
13th March, 1739/40.

No. 33.

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.,
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

Since what we wrote you the 15th February, we have receiv'd your severals of the 13th and 15th of that month and of the 3rd instant. With the first we receiv'd the 229 bales of calicoes by the *Mary* brigantine; and we should have sent you the cartridge paper you indented for by the return of that vessel, but we had not then any in store. We are endeavouring to purchase the quantity you write for, in town, and hope to send it you by the next conveyance.

Since our said letter of the 15th February we have had several discourses with our merchants relating to your merchants proposal that no agents from the

Madrass merchants should be employ'd at Chemanackpollam, Worriarpollam and [. . .] Salem; as to the two first places they do not [. . .] themselves [. . .] to be very fond of providing both the [. . .] necessary to getting in their old [. . .] not to be brought to the giving up [. . .] We have any opinion that any [. . .] French are to be depended on as they are too apt to make and evade them as it suits their conveniency; besides they say that it is not only the French and we who provide cloth in that country, but there are many agents there, also from the Dutch and Danes, as well as from the people of Porto Novo, and though all may not provide so good a sort as we do, yet that there is no doubt the weavers will find full employment. We wish we could think with you that the pagodas which pass in the country were all of them as good this year as last; but we have very good reason to say that large parcels have been lately coin'd that are much worse, and though our seal'd bags are kept as near to eighty touch as the judgement of our shroff will admit of, yet our merchants exchange them here for other money which is as current in the country, receiving a batta upon our seal'd bags from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent; but whatever there may be in your reasons or our merchants objections, they tell us positively that if they are restrain'd from providing cloth at Salem they cannot hope to make an investment elsewhere, for what of the Company's sorts is manufactured in this part of the country is next to nothing; and though some parcels of cloth from Salem do sometimes come worse than at other times, yet that what is manufactured at Warriarpollam and Chemanackpollam has of late been much worse in proportion. Indeed if we were to give credit to all that they tell us there would be no want of cloth from Salem so long as there was money to purchase it. However we beleive it certain that country produces the best and largest quantities, and if there be any advantage accruing from the French being quiet there at present, which we still impute rather to their want of money than any other reason, we say our present thoughts are that we ought not to slip it and lose the opportunity of increasing the investment, especially as we wrote you before that it is a sort of cloth the Company seem to be pleas'd with.

From that we have said above we think none of our merchants [would inter] fere much with yours at Worriarpollam and Chemanackpallam, and [if] we may give credit to what they [say, there] is f [ull] room for them and yours too at Salem [. . .] ing [. . .] much with one another, and therefore we depend upon the assurances your merchants give you that they will endeavour to provide as much cloth as they can for the Company, and will hope notwithstanding that they will be able to procure as much as they at first propos'd.

We are, worshipfull sir and sirs, Your affectionate friends and servants,

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—George Torriano.

Fort St. George,
17th March, 1739/40.

No. 36.

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esq.,
Deputy Governour &c. Council at Fort St. David.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

Agreable to your request in your letter of the 1st instant we sent you yesterday a thousand pagodas worth of our fanams, and shall be very glad if you can make them of use to you.

We observe what you write of Hussain Ally Caun; but how far soever he may bluster and talk big, we think he will not venture to commit any act of hostility against you. It is true not only he, but all the Nabob's sons act too much independant of their father; but however in an affair wherein he cannot be certain of the consequence, we think, he will first take the advice and consent of the Nabob; and we think we may be sure if he does that the Nabob will refuse the last till he has first wrote about it here. As to the Trichanopoly Braminy, if we are rightly inform'd, Chunda Saib made a prior demand for him and therefore if he was in your bounds, which you say he is not, we think he could not be delivered to Hussain Ally Caun,

till Chundah Saib had withdrawn his claim, though we think if the Braminy was with you we should consider whether it would be proper to deliver [him] up to either], at least till it was made fully appear [that he] was indebted to the surcar.

You cannot be ignorant that it is no new thing among the Moors to say and threaten many things which they have no intention to perform when they have any expectations it will have an effect to extort money; and there are never wanting those about them who know where to place their agents in order to alarm those against whom their designs are levelled, and therefore though it may be prudent for you to be upon your guard, yet outwardly we think you should seem to discredit the reports which are given out in his name by imputing them to the contrivance of some idle fellows that delight in mischief, who have no other intention but to alarm and terrify your inhabitants. We are otherwise inclined to beleive this is really the case, because we observe none of these threats came directly from Hussain Ally Caun. He will be cautious how he gives any such thing under his own hand. We should not fail to send it directly to the Nabob; and in fine if he should contrary to our expectations begin any hostilities or otherwise molest your affairs we doubt not we shall be able to make such effectual representation to the Nabob as will soon put a stop to his proceedings.. We do not as yet think it proper to write about it to Arcot, beleiving it will be denied that Hussain Alley Caun has any such thought or intention, and that it is a notion that proceeds only from surmise and the apprehensions of our own people. However we are impatient till we hear the ten thousand pagodas stopt at Wolendore is clear'd. If there be any delay in the matter you must let us know it that no time may be lost in making the proper application to the Nabob.

We are, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your affectionate friends and servants,

Fort St. George, the 8th April, 1740. RICHARD BENYON &C.

No. 47.

TO THE HON'BLE THOMAS BRADDYLL ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Our last to you was the 14th instant by the *Princess Augusta* and *Bermudas* sloop, some days before which the Morattas enter'd this province and cut off our Nabob and his youngest son, with great part of the force he had with him; upon which his eldest son who was marching to his assistance, but with only three thousand horse, turned back and got with part of them into Velour, a fort to the southward of Arcot. The Morattas soon after enter'd Arcot, the capital of this province, and have plunder'd it of every thing they could find, as well as some of the adjacent towns. It is reported a treaty is on foot between them and Subderally Cawn in order to their leaving the province. But their demands are very high, and matters are far from being accommodated. Some parties of their horse have been plundering several towns within less than a day's journey of this place, and we are informed they have sent people to look out what water there is towards the sea coast. And if matters are not soon settled at Arcott it is more than probable they will visit the sea ports We have put ourselves in the best posture we can to resist any attempts they may make upon us. But as we are in want of men and the *Prince William* arriving here the 21st instant from Bombay, and having on board about fourteen men which were returning to you from Bombay, we have order'd them ashoar, and upon this emergency we have likewise taken twenty men more ashoar of the *Prince William's* ship's company; we hope, however, to return these last soon on board again and to dispatch her to you in about fifteen days. She has two lack of rupees on board for your Presidency, which we advise you of, that you may order the sloops to meet her in Balasore road and take out such part of it as you think proper before she goes up the river.

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servants,

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

Fort St. George, 24th May, 1740.

No. 48.

To Charles Simpson Esqr. Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

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Concerning the present made your Nabob, as it was upon his accession there seems to be some pretence for his demanding it; but as those changes are not likely to be frequent we hope for the future he will have no expectations of any other presents from you more than what have been made to his father. Hereafter when you make any presents you should send a list of the particulars and the value of them in your letter.

We are, Gentlemen, Your affectionate friends,

Fort St. George,
30th May, 1740.

Richard Benyon &ca.

No. 50.

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.,
Deputy Governour &c. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

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It is some time since that we coin'd a quantity of fanams on purpose to send you, but the roads have been so much infested ever since, sometimes by small parties of Moor's horse and now much more by the polygars, that we think it unsafe to send them overland. If the troubles continue till the *Mary* returns which will be in few days, we shall send them by her and hope they will reach you before the end of the month.

The necessity of your entertaining as many usefull people as you can for the defence of your place is but too obvious and we are sorry the state of our own garrison has put it out of our power to send you any assistance of that sort from hence; and we are as little able to send you a supply of the most usefull and necessary stores you write for, till the arrival of our Europe ships.

We have taken into consideration what you write about the ditch round your Fort, the Paymaster and gunner's survey and their report thereupon. We are very sorry so necessary a work as this is represented, and we beleive indeed to be so, should remain to be set about at this juncture, when it is to be wished all our fortifications were compleat and in the best repair, for though we are told the Morattas have agreed upon some terms with the Moors, in consequence whereof the major part of their forces are retired out of the province, yet the place where they are encamp'd is so near the borders and will give them so easy an enterance again whenever they please, for which they will not want a pretence, and as their scheme seems to be to plunder and destroy wherever they can overcome, we think you ought not to omit any thing which may be necessary for your security. And as what you propose is represented to be so and is also thought necessary to prevent the damage the Fort wall would be subject to, if this work you propose be longer omitted, you have our consent to set about it as soon as you can. We shall only remark that what the Paymaster and gunner propose, namely the raising the old wall of the ditch about three foot higher by way of a breast work for small arms, however proper it might be if you had a strong garrison, appears to us at present to be not only unnecessary, but also may be inconvenient. For, we take it, the few men you have to defend the fort ought in case of action to keep within, and in that case a parapet wall would hinder the effect of your fire arms from the points and curtains. We must not on this occasion omit to repeat our Honourable masters' directions, that whenever there is a real occasion for repairing their buildings or fortifications, you should always see that the work is substantially and well perform'd, and the Paymaster's accounts upon these and all other occasions must be carefully examin'd every month, the necessary previous directions being given him in Consultation in what manner to carry them on in order

to prevent the workmen's lavishing their money away in a needless manner and charging more for the materials and workmanship than is equitable, and that some of the Council should have an eye over the work while it is carrying on, as well as the Paymaster.

Having perused the account of stores worn out and decay'd and lost by weight last year you have our permission to write them off to profit and loss. You have also our consent to allow one serjeant and three corporals more to each company.

We are, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your affectionate friends and servants,

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

Fort St. George,
7th June, 1740.

No. 52.

TO THE HON'BLE THOMAS BRADDYLL ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR, &CA, COUNCIL OF FORT ST. WILLIAM.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

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This province continues still in a very miserable condition. The Morattas, after they had plunder'd everything they could lay their hands on, agreed to quit the province upon condition of being paid a sum of money. Part has been paid them, but Subdar Alley Cawn, in whose name the agreement was made with them, is under great difficulty how to raise the rest. However the Morattas are for the present retired out of the province, but at so small a distance that they may enter it again whenever they please. Reports are various as to their future proceedings. Some say they intend to remain four months at Coloore, a province to the westward, till the waters of the Kistna are fallen, which being swelled at present hinders their return to their own country; others that they design to take their rout through Misore and retake Tritchanopoly, which the Moors took possession of about three years ago. In the meantime this province remains in anarchy and confusion. Subdar Alley Cawn continues still shut up in Velour with very few horse, and, wherever the rest are dispersed, we hear of none anywhere in a body, which gives the poligars an opportunity (which they make use of) to plunder and burn most of the villages that belong to the Moors. In a word it appears to us there is nobody in the province that has any inclination or indeed power or force to endeavour at a settlement, so that our only hopes are that Nazar Jung, son of Chicklas Cawn, will take some order about our affairs. But as to him also reports are various; some say he will himself be soon at Arcot; others that he designs to stay four months longer at Golcondah, but however that he has order'd two munsubdars to set out with a large body of horse for this province. This is all we shall trouble you with at present relating to the melancholly situation of these parts, where all business is at an entire stand and will continue so till somebody is fixed in the province that has authority and power to settle it.

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We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servants,

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

Fort St. George,
13th June, 1740.

No. 67.

TO THE HON'BLE STEPHEN LAW ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

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We wrote your honour &ca. very fully the 20th past relating to the irruption of the Morattas into this country. There remains a considerable sum yet due of that which was stipulated to be paid them, upon which account their vackeels at Arcot talk in very high terms. The Moratta army which we advis'd your honour

&ca. consisted of upwards of forty thousand horse under the command of Futta Sing and Raugojee has been since join'd with twenty thousand more under the command of another General named Sudojee. They are now in the dominions of the King of Misore, and have raised great contributions. They seem inclined to march further to the southward before they return again to the northward. This province continues still without any government, and without any force to protect it. The late Nabob and his sons were greatly indebted to their soldiers, who refuse to list again till they are paid their arrears.

Two days ago our shroffs receiv'd letters in five and thirty days from Delly, that tell us the great Rajah Savajee Sing, was marching with a large army to beseige Chicklas Cawn in Agra. 'Tis certain his son Nazar Jung, who we expected in this province, and was actually on this side the Kistna, has repassed it and returned to Hyderabad, whether with intention only to protect the Deccan country or that he designs to march on to the assistance of his father is as yet uncertain.

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[We are], Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servants,

RICHARD BENYON, &CA.

Fort St. George,
9th July, 1740.

No. 81.

TO MR. DUMAS, KT. OF THE ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND GOVERNOUR OF PONDICHERRY, AND TO THE GENTLEMEN OF THE SUPERIOUR COUNCIL THERE.

Gentlemen,

We have receiv'd the letter you did us the honour to write us dated the 24th instant N.S, and having seriously consider'd the purport of it, as also of that you wrote our Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David, we answer that we think a murther attended with circumstances of so much barbarity and malice, as that of the old Chouliar, which the four deserters from your garrison are suspected to be guilty of, ought not to go unpunish'd, and therefore we beleive it is no contravention to the protection of our flag to give up those men. We have accordingly order'd our Deputy Governour to deliver them to such persons as you shall send for them, upon your promise that if upon their tryal all or any of them shall be clear'd of the murther, you will forgive them their desertion.

We have the honour to be with great esteem, Gentlemen, Your most obedient and most humble servant.

RICHARD BENYON &CA.

Fort St. George,
16th August, 1740, O.S.

No. 90.

TO THE HON'BLE THOMAS BRADDYLL ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA., COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

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We congratulate your honour &ca. on the quiet your province was in after the revolution in the Subahship, and we wish we could tell you there was any settlement that could be depended on of the government of this province. Nazar Jung has sent some marks of his favour to Subder Ally Cawn, the late Nabob's son, but they are not such as give him any positive assurance of being continued in the government; at the same time he is still deficient in the sum promised to the Morattas, who yet continue so near us that the country is often alarm'd by their motions.

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We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servants,

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

Fort St. George,
11th September, 1740.

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No 93.

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.,
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

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We have read over the Deputy Governour's paper deliver'd to your Board relating to the disturbances occasion'd by the disputes between the Right and Left-hand casts, the behaviour of Vencatatchalum and his robberies in this country, and the murder of the woman of the Right-hand cast at Cuddalore; and have read also all the other papers, and shall now give you our opinion and directions thereupon. As to the woman who lost her life, we make no doubt, from the several affidavits taken before the Deputy Governour, her death was occasion'd by some blow she receiv'd from some of the Left-hand cast in a riot at Cuddalore; but as it is not plain, who the particular persons were that gave her those blows, [we have] thought fit to order and direct that a fine be levied from the whole Left-hand cast of five hundred (500) pagodas; for it appears to us this riot was in consequence of the first dispute in which it is confessed they were the first aggressours. We hope also this will be looked upon as some satisfaction to the Right-hand cast and render it more easy for you to accommodate the remaining differences, which subsist between them.

As to the behaviour of Vencatatchalum, if it be as the Deputy Governour has represented it and what is set forth in the attestations taken before him, the most regular method is to complain thereof to the havildars or other governours of those parts of the country where he was guilty of the same, and to represent to them his robberies and other behaviour; and if they will not punish him and take effectual measures to prevent the like in future, you shall look upon yourselves at liberty to take your own measures.

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We are, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your affectionate friends and servants,

Fort St. George, Richard Benyon &ca.
12th September, 1740.

No. 103.

To the Worshipfull Robert Lennox Esqr.,
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort Marlborough.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

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From what you wrote us by the *George* concerning the people of the 8 Dusans and your having enter'd into agreements with them so late as in April for their faithfull adherence [to the] Honourable Company, we could little have expected they would so soon have given proofs of their treachery. We are very sensible that Sidee Ibrahim who is at the head of them and to whom they are bigotted has for many years been wickedly enclined and has waited for an opportunity to put in execution his villainous purposes, nor do we suppose he has wanted abettors. We are well pleased to find his secret practices were so early discover'd and the troubles they might have occasion'd so happily prevented; and since by this accident those people are removed from that part of the country, who in no time can be said to have been well affected to the interest of our Honourable masters, we would recommend to you (as it is also near Marlborough) to have it repeopled with persons from whom you may expect at least more sincerity and better service, and let such Dupattys be appointed over them, in whom you can place some confidence in order to make that part of the country beneficial to the Honourable Company and to preserve it in tranquility.

If Sidee Ibrahim should return, we would have you use your utmost endeavours to destroy him, and on no account admit him to any pardon, for such repeated acts of treachery demand a just resentment; and we cannot think it consistent with good policy to harbour such a villain any longer. As to the people many of

whom were perhaps drawn away by the instigation of their heads, they may perhaps deserve some lenity; and concerning them we shall only further say that as the 8 Dusans have always been looked upon as one class, we think it will be most prudent to divide such as may be permitted to return in several other parts of the country, by which means they will be less able to enter into any combinations prejudicial to the general welfare; and time may perhaps wear out or at least lessen their attachment which they have to each other.

As the country has for several years been in peace, we hope by your care and prudent management it will continue so and be yearly improving. It is not to be doubted that the increase of the pepper trade will raise the jealousy of your neighbours, nor that there will be wanting instruments to increase and foment divisions and disturbances, whose faith is held in so little esteem. Nevertheless we apprehend such agents will be able to make but little impression on the bulk of the people as they well know their interest is inseperable from the Company's.

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We also send you nineteen topasses and eighteen Arabs to whom we have advanced two months' pay commencing the 1st instant. We have been obliged to keep the latter in pay for several months, as we have for some years been disappointed of listing any about the time of our dispatching a ship to your place. Several of them being mar[ried have] requested leave to carry their wives with them, to which we have consented in expectation it may encourage them to stay with you the longer and save the charge of frequent recruiting and of their passage over. They have agreed to serve three years and we hope they will be of use to you being all able body'd men. There comes likewise William Richardson [from] Europe who arrived here the 8th April 1738.

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We are, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your affectionate friends and servants,

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

Fort St. George,
7th October, 1740.

No. 105.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.,
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

We wrote you last the 4th and 5th instant which we doubt not you received in due time. We shall now acquaint you that our Honourable masters are pleased to write us that contracting with the merchants is not the only thing necessary; they should be well looked after that they comply with their engagements and that at the close of the year an account must be drawn out in proper columns wherein is to be inserted the number of pieces of each sort contracted for, with the value, what money has been advanced, and what number of pieces have been brought in with their value. You must comply with this as near as you can and send us such account to go home in the packets by our January ships. They are also pleased to write us that your [. . .] cloth costs the same as the Salem, but sold lower about two shillings a piece [. . .] each number, that therefore endeavours should be used to get it cheaper. They observe that by what passed between you and us we both were sensible of its inferiority so that the prices being alike surprized them. Here follows copy of their 31st paragraph dated the 21st of March last. "We observe with concern that our servants at Fort St. "David complain of a want of merchants, having but two only engaged in our "investment. It would be a great pleasure to us could some means be found out "to engage a number of substantial men to reside within our bounds. We are "apt to think that it might be brought about by granting them some particular "priviledges with respect to their several casts, which they are generally so fond of

"and at the same time are not detrimental to us. We recommend this affair to "your particular and serious consideration. We are told that indigo may be "cultivated at Fort St. David; you will do well to make a tryal."

We have said in answer thereto that we should correspond with you concerning the engaging a number of substantial merchants to reside within your bounds; and if that could be effected we thought it would not be difficult to engage them in the Company's business in the present method. But we beleive it would [be] too dangerous an experiment to attempt it by indulging any of them with any particular priviledges with respect to their casts, that both sides were too tenacious of their rights, and we apprehended the troubles between the casts this year at your place [. . .] from one of the Company's merchants [encroaching] too much upon the privileges of the [opposition]. If you can point out to us any other method that will answer the end proposed by the Company you will let us know it as soon as possible.

Concerning the indigo we have said that it is the growth of this south coast, that a great deal is planted here and at Fort St. David on such grounds as are too high to sow paddy on, and that in January we shall send some of the different sorts for a tryal. We would have you, therefore, purchase a candy of three or four sorts; but, that the freight may be the easier, we beleive the higher prized to be the most acceptable if it be good in proportion.

Having some dispute with our merchants here relating to the cost of their cloth bought at Salem, we would have you send us up as soon as possible copy of the accounts deliver'd in by your merchants of the cost of theirs, specifying therein the first cost, whether they pay any brokerage or only keep servants there, what juncans they pay and how much at each place, what they charge for oxen hire or other land carriage; in fine as full and particular an account as you can give us of the first cost and all the different charges till it is in your godowns.

Mr Borlace Staceywriter took his passage to your place on the sloop *Carolina*. He arrived here the 18th August on the *Colchester*, and has been paid his salary here to the 25th September with his diet money and allowances for the month of September.

We have permitted Mr. Henry Powney to stay here; his salary must be paid with you to the 25th September and his other allowances to the 30th.

We are, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your affectionate friends and servants,

Fort St. George, RICHARD BENYON, &CA.

[. . .] October, 1740.

No. 113.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.,
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA., COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

This serves by order of the President and Council to accompany a recruit of thirty men for your garrison, as per list hereto annexed under the command of Richard Huntley and William Matthews, Serjeants, who are to be returnd hither. Inclosed is an account of disbursements on them amounting to Pags. 32–24–0 for which you will please to give this Presidency credit.

I am with respect, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your most humble servant,

Fort St. George,
21st October, 1740.

JOHN SAVAGE.

LIST OF NAMES OF THE MILITARY ABOVEMENTION'D.

[. . .] Jones.	Cornelius Irwin.
William Hill.	Thomas Doleman.
Joseph Lane.	Nathaniel Hands.
Christopher Smith.	Edward Jenkins.
Browning Wheeler.	Isaac Smith.
Charles Roe.	Benjamin Fisher.
Thomas Babutt.	Henry Burn.

LIST OF NAMES OF THE MILITARY ABOVEMENTION'D—(*contd*).

Samuel Daniel.	John MacCade.
William Fielding.	John Conry.
Samuel Bugler.	Michael Rice.
Patrick Owens.	Francis Thompson.
Joseph Cooper.	Robert Andrews.
Margt. Henry.	James Finly.
Richard Whiting.	Patrick Danelly.
Edward Jones.	John Brant.

No. 114.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.,
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA., COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

We have received your severals of the 24th and 31st ultimo, and with regard to the account to be sent us in December of your investment, if you insert the money first advanced and since paid your merchants on one side, and enter on the other an account of the numbers of pieces of each sort of cloth brought in and embaled in one column, and the value in another according to the prices of the several numbers as charged in your invoices, and for what is not embaled the number of pieces to be inserted and the value computed according to the medium price of that which has been sorted, we believe the account will be as compleat as you can make it, and we hope will be satis[factory to our Hon'ble] masters. We observe by your letter your merchants have an advance of fifty thousand pagodas in hand. When they first proposed to have so much advanced them, they proposed at the same time to bring in three thousand bales; but as they afterwards told you they could have no hopes of getting that quantity of cloth, we should have thought a less advance had been sufficient for what they hoped they should bring in. We have no doubt but what your merchants are very secure men, but the reason which induces us to mention this now is that we apprehend we shall be strait'ned for cash before the arrival of the next ships.

We observe the answer you gave to our Honourable Masters' paragraph relating to the means of getting a number of [substantial] merchants to reside within your bounds. They have been at a great expence in fortifications to secure the merchants and have given all other encouragements that could be reasonably expected. The rest depends upon their servants and we doubt not it will be your care to see that due and impartial justice is administered to all your inhabitants, and that they are allowed a free and entire liberty of trade. This appears to us the most probable means to induce those who are at present with you to continue and to encourage others to settle under your protection. They [. . .] or expect greater advantages in the other European settlements, and if care be taken to [preserve] the same with you, we are willing to hope that in time the trade will encrease though it has hitherto been but small. We can only recommend to you [. . .] encourage it as much as in your [power].

The two men that re [. . .] from St. Thomas's Mount were sent forward again few days after.

Upon some motions of the Morattas the country is again alarm'd and many of the inhabitants come daily in here. We hope it proceeds only from a needless fear, and that the Nabob will be able to accommodate [. . .] matters with the Morattas, but however [you] will do well to keep upon your guard.

We are, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your affectionate friends and servants,

Fort St. George,
8th November, 1740.

RICHARD BENYON &CA.

SELECTIONS FROM THE MADRAS RECORDS.

FORT ST. DAVID CONSULTATIONS, 1740.

(VOLUME NO. 12).

CONSULTATION, SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1740.

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The charges extraordinary in the Paymaster's account for last month are in the following particulars :—

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Charges garrison—		
Topasses occasionally enter'd in the Second Company	......	13 12 0
Hospital Charges—		
Cloths for the sickmen	......	49 4 40
Charges extraordinary—		
Given to the Governours servants, juncaneers &ca. as usual at Christmas Vizt.—		
Salempores 18 pieces to palankeen boys &ca. ...	13 0 0	......
Lascars Pags. 3-4-40, packers Pag. 1; moochees fanams 12; duty-fellows fns. 6; totchys fns. 9 ...	5 13 40	......
Tavendeparum fakeer, Pags. 6	......	......
Dancing girls, Pags. 2	......	......
Two juncaneers of Aveshevack and Bomeapollam 2 pieces, bettellas fns. 30; 2 turbetts fns. 26; 6	8 0 0	
yards of serge, Pag. 1-9-40	4 11 40	......
	31 7 0	
Paid the steward's note for feasting the military and gunroom crew	24 2 0	......
Batty to peons going to meet money from Madrass.	0 13 0	......
Do. bringing it in	2 14 0	......
Paid Thomas Farrel for 3 French deserters' diet ...	0 6 60	......
Prisoners batty, Pags. 3-4-10; Austapah Chitty, Pags. 2-9-0	5 13 10	......
		65 1 70
Fortifications and repairs—		
Fort House: mending tables and rattaning chairs &ca.	0 8 43	......
Mending the pavement near the house	0 2 4	......
Captain Morgan's lodging: rattaning windows ...	1 14 67	......
Cleaning curtains	0 2 17	......
Handles to the mamodies	0 5 71	......
Making 2 irons for cutting turf	1 1 37	......
Garden: rattaning windows, and mending doors &ca.	2 11 76	......
		6 10 75
Fortifications in Cuddalore—		
Mud Point bank and ditch and making a gate to it.	91 17 28	......
Building a new guard room	7 0 73	......
		99 0 21
	Pags.	233 11 46

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JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1740.

The Deputy Governour being advisd that Subdar Ally Cawn set out from Arcot some days ago and is expected at Trivedy this day, it being thought highly necessary to send him a present, accordingly Messrs. Croke and Eyre are desir'd to set out immediately for Trivedy with one, which being made up amounts to Pags. 623-1-46 as per the account thereof which is enter'd hereafter.

JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

ACCOUNT OF THE PRESENT SENT TO SUBDAR ALLY CAWN, JANUARY 21ST, 1739/40.

							P.	f.	c.
Velvet, Green 1 piece containing 29¾ yards							66	32	50
Do. Yellow 1 piece 28 yards							56	20	50
Two pairs of crimson velvet cushions embroider'd and with tassels.							150	0	0
A gun (silver-mounted)							24	0	0
A pair of pistols Do.							26	9	0
Broad cloth—double colour 1 piece containing 24 yards							110	0	0
Broad cloth—super fine scarlet 2 pieces containing 35 yards ...							78	27	0
Rosewater- . . . 2 chests							20	0	0
Given to Subdar Ally Cawn's Officers and servants Vizt.—									
	P.	f.	c.						
Broadcloth—superfine scarlet 3 yards ...	6	27	0						
Do. scarlet 6 „ ...	7	18	0						
Broadcloth Aurora 3 „ ...	3	13	40						
Chickeens 21	27	20	20						
Rupees 161	49	35	54	P.	f.	c.			
				95	4	34			
Packing the said goods Vizt.—									
Sallempores 2 pieces	1	25	16						
Cotton 1272 lb.	0	22	76						
Wax cloth 1 piece	2	3	60						
				4	15	72			
							99	20	26
Pags.							632	1	46

CONSULTATION, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1740.

The last year's investment being concluded it was thought necessary to begin to consider how to make a provision of cloth for this year. The Deputy Governour hereupon acquaints the Board that to forward this design he has at last perswaded Irshapa Chitty to join with Nella Tombe and Shacup Tombe, whom he thinks to be a very substantial man, for carrying on the business this year; they are accordingly admitted and propose to bring in cloth to the amount of three thousand bales by the end of January next, on following conditions :—

That the advance money in their hands be made up fifty thousand pagodas, and that no agents from the Madrass merchants be employ'd to buy goods at the same places they do, that is at Salem, Chemanackpollam and Worriapollam. We think they may be trusted with the sum they mention and that less than that will not be sufficient to carry on the investment largely at the places they must send money to.

They propose the 3,000 bales to consist nearly of the following goods.

	Bales.
Long cloth—Salem	1,000
Long cloth—Chemanackpollam	1,000
Long cloth—ordinary	500
Do. fine of 15 and 12 calls, and middling of 10 calls with salempores of 9, 12 and 15 calls and soot romals to the quantity indented for last year in all about	500
	3,000

They assure us they have no doubt of providing this quantity unless hindered by disturbances in the country; they refuse to enter into contracts, or subject themselves to penaltys in case of a failure. The cloth of the several sorts is to be on the same brokerage as the merchants have had this last year.

We being credibly inform'd that the price of fanams at Salem is establisht at 23½ per pagoda by Nanjan Chitty, which us'd to be at 24⅝ to 25, and is confirm'd by the King of Misore, so that if we set about providing cloth there, this must be submitted to, and there will be little hopes of ever getting it alter'd for the better hereafter, we are of opinion if we let alone providing any goods there sometime, and the French merchants do the same, that Nanjan Chitty will certainly be oblig'd to drop his engrossing the fanams. Agreed that it be propos'd to the Honourable President and Council, whether it may be proper for the Company to let alone that cloth for a year, should we not be able to bring down the prices of fanams sooner, or to submit to the prices put upon them, and to set about providing this cloth as soon as possible, and likewise to represent to them what terms our merchants offer towards an investment for this year.

General letter from the Honourable President and Council of the 5th instant read permitting us to send some persons with a present to Hussain Ally Cawn, the Nabobs youngest son, when he arrives at Trivedy, and they will send us overland some embost cloth and velvetts for that purpose.

JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1740.

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The charges extraordinary in the Paymaster's account for last month, are in the following articles—

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Charges, general—		
Given to Godfrey Brown and William Rogers for baptizing their children	2 0 0	
Four teak boxes made to lye in readiness to carry a present to Hussain Ally Cawn	4 10 8	
Two boxes for the packetts for England	1 5 45	
Mending 2 clasp cotts	0 8 30	
Bushes, sticks and bamboes for the garden ...	5 1 11	
One Cooley carrying a packet for Madrass ...	0 9 0	
Cattamarans	2 0 0	
Batty abroad: Madrass fns. 1 27, Pondicherry 27 cash, Chellumbrum fns. 12, Worriapollam fns. 13.	1 8 54	
		17 6 68
Charges extraordinary—		
Batty to peons going to meet money from Madrass.	0 13 0	
Do. bringing it in	2 14 0	
Do. attending Subdarally Cawn's camp ...	0 52 40	
Do. to Subdarally Cawn's peons with a letter ...	0 21 40	
Cooley hire and batty to peons, cooleys and servants carrying and attending the present to Subdar Ally Cawn at Trevidy	31 16 7	
Prisoners' batty—Pags. 4-4-10; Austapa Chitty—Pags. 2-9-0.	5 13 10	
		45 4 17
Fortifications and repairs—		
Fort House: mending and rattaning windows ...	0 14 71	
Cleaning the curtains	0 1 74	
Mending a key to the oyl godown	0 0 69	
Tevenepatam gate guard-room, making 20 hooks for slinging arms	0 0 60	
Garden—mending chairs and tables; rattaning windows to the house &ca.	3 4 79	
Charity School—mending the pavement &ca. ...	0 11 24	
Mending a pyal to the Cuddalore Choultry ...	0 8 71	
		5 7 48

Fortifications in Cuddalore—		P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Chellumbrum Point guard and store rooms: laying flat tiles, and chunaming the walls &ca. ...		23 4 52	
Vizapore Point—paving it		4 2 76	
Braminy Gate—mending windows to the ensign's lodging		0 14 2	
Metchlepatam Point guard room: laying flatt tiles, chunaming a cookroom &ca.		13 7 44	
Mud Point: bank and ditch and levelling the ground ...	P. f. c. 44 3 64		
Building a new guard room to it and paving the point	40 12 65		
	84 16 49		
Cleaning the curtain &ca.		0 5 5	
			126 15 38
Chemundulum Guard: cleaning the mote round it.		10 4 29	
Trepopolore Guard do. ...		14 6 2	
Bandipollam Guard do. ...		10 11 36	
			35 4 27
		Pags.	230 0 38

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James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Consultation, Friday, March 28, 1740.

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The charges extraordinary in the Paymaster's account for last month are in the following articles :—

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Charges garrison—		
Topasses occassionally enter'd in the First Company.	6 16 0	
Do. Second Company.	3 8 0	
		10 6 0
Charges extraordinary—		
Batty to peons going to meet money from Madrass.	0 13 0	
Do. bringing it in	2 14 0	
Paid the steward's note for mending a copper pot ...	0 9 0	
Batty to peons attending Hussain Ally Cawn's camp	6 17 0	
Do. to Hussain Ally Cawn's peons with letters ...	0 7 35	
Prisoners' batty fns. 54 30; Austapa Chitty Pags 2-9	5 9 30	
		16 15 65
Fortifications and repairs—		
Fort House—mending doors and windows ...	1 1 41	
Mending the pavement in the square and gunroom ...	0 16 40	
Cleaning away weeds in the Fort	0 4 56	
Mending a water course at the South West Bastion.	0 2 26	
Making mamody handles and mending mamodys ...	0 3 24	
Mending an iron at Tevenepatam Gate	0 5 21	
Tevenepatam Washing Choultry: making two rat traps	0 9 63	
Tevenepatam Washing Choultry: making tops to two hoop wells	0 8 31	
Garden: mending rattan windows, horse stables, rabit holes &ca.	3 2 18	
Digging for stone at Cuddalore Barr— ...	1 8 12	
Chellumbrum Point Magazine: mending locks and nailing them to the doors &ca.	2 0 78	
		10 9 11
	Pags.	37 12 76

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James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Consultation, March 28, 1740.

Our merchants being sent for in, are told that the Honourable President and Council cannot comply with their proposal in relation to their merchants with drawing their people from Salem, who notwithstanding continue to assure us, they will still use their best endeavours to provide all the cloth they can, but they can't have hopes it will amount to near so much as they promis'd, had their proposal been yeilded to.

Hussain Ally Cawn, youngest son to the Nabob, having come to Trividy the begining of this month, the Deputy Governour acquaints us agreeable to a general letter of the 5th February, on his making some stay so near us, he had accordingly prepared to send him a present of about four hundred pagodas, but that before he could send it, he was advis'd by the Subidar of that place, as by Hussain Ally Cawn's directions, that it would not be excepted [*sic*], for that he was very much incens'd against us; that the reasons he gives out for this, are said to be, first, that we sent no present and took no notice of him when he was at Trividy in October last.

This we remember was occasion'd by the expecting his brother Subdarally Cawn to come also at that time, and that then one visit and present might have serv'd for both, especially, as we had then no directions from the Honourable President and Council to address Hussain Ally Cawn, nor did we think him a person of that consequence to require the troubling them about him.

That another motive of his displeasure, he understands to be on account of a Trechenopoly Braminy, who came into the bounds some months ago, whom he demands to be delivered up to him; that it is true that such a Braminy was in the bounds about two months ago, but that by the best information he can get that Braminy was gone from hence before Hussain Ally Cawn's first demand came to him, as he had assur'd him, in answer to it, as by the copy he now produces together with the two letters of Hussain Ally Cawn's demand which though without date are endors'd and enter'd in the book as received the [*lacuna in the original*].

Order'd, that this be represented to the Honourable President and Council for their directions how to behave in case he should persist, or give us any disturbance.

Our merchants inform us that the 22d instant they sent twenty-six peons with ten thousand pagodas for Salem, which peons and money were stopt the 24th at Wolendore, a place near forty miles off. The pretence, they say, the subidar of that place gives for it, is, that Tombe Chitty's people have lately brought their cloth another way, and not through his juncan place, contrary to their agreements made with him.

Moota Chitty is hereupon call'd, who does not deny that they have done so, and says he has nothing to do but to receive the cloth, and all the directions relating to the bringing it, or other matters, are not given by him.

The Deputy Governour acquaints the Board that upon the first advise of it, he wrote to the subidar for the immediate release of the money, and hopes it will have occasion'd it to be releas'd before now, which he is not yet advised of, but should not doubt it would soon be done, were it at any other time, but it happening at this unlucky juncture when Hussain Ally Cawn pretends to be so much displeas'd is fearfull when he hears of it, that he may seize on it.

Agreed therefore, that this relation be advis'd of in a general letter to the Honourable President and Council (with the aforemention'd), for their directions likewise in this business.

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

CONSULTATION, TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1740.

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The charges extraordinary in the Paymaster's account for the last month, are in the following articles :—

		P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Charges garrison—			
Topasses occassionally enter'd in the First Company		......	5 3 0
Charges general—			
Given to Henry Fellows and William Hearing for baptizing their children		2 0 0	... .
Garden—Ropes, straw, tin lantern, bamboes, hatchets, &ca.		2 4 73	
	P. f. c.		
One buffaloe bought	3 7 27		
gilt paper and strings ...	1 15 0	5 4 27	
One cooley going to Imaum Sahib		0 9 0	
Cattamarans—		1 10 0	
			11 10 20
Charges extraordinary—			
Moors' feast as usual		1 0 0	
Batty to peons going to meet money from Madrass.		0 13 0	
Do. bringing it in		2 14 0	
Batty to cooleys, to palankeen boys, and peons sent with the doctor's mate while attending Hussain Ally Cawn at Trivedy		1 13 27	
Batty to lascars for carrying and bringing a tent design'd for the gentlemen with the present ...		4 7 41	
Batty to cooleys waiting in readiness for carrying the present		2 8 50	
Batty to Messrs. Croke's and Floyer's servants on the same occasion		1 5 40	
Batty to peons attending Hussain Ally Cawn's camp		5 8 0	
Do. to peons from Subdar Ally and Hussain Ally with letters		1 15 20	
Batty to peons from Chellumbrum		0 13 40	
	Pags. fns. c.		
Do. to prisoners	3 4 40		
Austapa Chitty	2 9 0	5 13 40	
			28 3 68
Fortifications and repairs—			
Cloth warehouse : chunaming the terrass ...		24 4 21	
Four cooleys cleaning the curtain		0 1 0	
Cutting stones for the platforms for the guns ...		4 0 21	
Making an antichamber for the little powder magazine		39 1 11	
Digging for stones at Cuddalore barr		9 12 26	
Making and mending steps for Cuddalore Point and Patcherry Point		3 14 28	
Mending the frame &ca. of the wooden horse and laying the platform for it		2 12 36	
Mending mamodys and putting handles to them ...		0 8 28	
Chunam work on the oyl godown		0 5 43	
Tevenepatam Gate : laying a cross timber to support the terrass		5 7 60	
Garden—mending rattan windows, painting the pavement of the house, and mending doors and windows &ca.		8 15 33	
Making racks &ca. for soldiers' arms and powder magazine		0 15 40	
			105 13 64
Fortifications in Cuddalore—			
Mud Point and Bank—fixing palmira fence over the water course, gunneys for the guardroom and watering the banks		6 17 6	
Cleaning and marking a streit line from this point to Mallem's Battery		5 15 74	

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Mallems Point guardroom—	1 10 35	
Ravlin : laying the platforms for the guns ...	3 6 20	
South-west Point, carrying away a sand bank ...	7 0 62	
Chellumbrum Point powder magazine—nailing locks to the doors and burning bratty ...	0 8 42	
Vizapore Point—sheathing the sally port door ...	3 0 50	
		28 5 49
Trepopolore Guard—cleaning the mote round it and mending the draw-bridge	15 6 56	
Rebuilding a mettow for the peons and making a gate for the hedge	5 2 1	
		20 8 57

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James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Consultation, Wednesday, April 30, 1740.

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The charges extraordinary in the Paymasters [account] for this month, are in the following articles :—

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Charges garrison—			
One Topass occassionally enter'd in the 1st Company		1 13 0	
One do. in the 2nd do.		1 13 0	
			3 8 0
Charges extraordinary—			
Batty to peons bringing silver fanams from Madrass—		1 9 0	
Do. bringing in 5 Madrass deserters	0 10 0		
Diet to do.	0 12 40		
Paid juncaneers	1 0 0		
		2 4 40	
Batty to peons attending Hussain Ally Cawn's camp	9 8 13		
Batty to Subdar Ally Cawn's camp.	3 5 0		
		12 13 13	
Prisoners' batty	3 2 20		
Austapa Chitty	2 9 0	5 11 20	
			22 1 73
Fortifications and repairs—			
Making an antichamber for the little powder magazine		26 0 51	
Cloth warehouse—mending the terrass		0 1 20	
Cleaning the curtains		0 1 20	
Mending the steps for Cuddalore and Patcherry points		0 5 74	
Mending the soldiers' cookroom		0 7 65	
Whitewashing the armoury godown		0 4 1	
Cutting stones for platforms for the guns ...		4 10 68	
North West Bastion—laying the platforms for the guns, and raising a parapet wall on the fausebray under it		26 2 5	
Tevenapatam Gate—mending hinges &ca. for the peons' choultry		0 8 18	
Patcherry Point—raising a compound wall to the guardrooms, parapets to the point and making a door &ca.		24 17 29	
Garden—mending rattan windows, painting the pavement &ca.		2 17 72	
Trepopolore Guard—rebuilding the peons' mettow...		9 14 1	

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Bandipollam guard,—making a stool	0 6 68	
Making racks for slinging the soldiers' arms ...	1 5 62	
		97 13 14
Fortifications in Cuddalore—		
Watering the grass plats of the clay bastion and banks	1 8 74	
Malems Point—making a guard room	21 16 34	
Porto Novo Point—guard room and magazine ...	59 3 41	
Cutting caldeira hedge near the ravlin	3 2 21	
		85 13 10
	Pags.	209 0 17

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James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Consultation, Tuesday, May 15, 1740.

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The fort ditch being in a ruinous condition the Paymaster and Gunner are appointed to survey it, and to report what is necessary to put it into a defensible condition the next Consultation.

Upon reviewing the order of the guns &ca. on the several works, it was observ'd at Cuddalore that another point near the factory and the centre of the river side of the town, would be very usefull for the defence there, where there is no wall, to flank the distance from the late made clay point to the Maulim Bastion, and that by a parcel of good stone and chunam'd work lying in the ruins on the other side of the river, such an one might be rais'd at a small expence. Order'd, that a plan be drawn, and that the Paymaster send for those materials and begin to raise a bastion there according to the plan, as soon as can be.

It was also observ'd that there are no parapet walls between the guns on the east and south sides of the fort, which being thought necessary for preservation of the few men we have in garrison to defend the extensive works, as well as to conceal that weekness [*sic*] in case of any disturbance from the present confusions in the country, Agreed that the parapetts be continued on those sides with foot banks, to fire with small arms over them, of the same height as those all round on the other sides of the fort, and that it be done as soon as possible.

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Consultation, Saturday, May 31, 1740.

The place being exceedingly in want of fanams, agreed that we write to the Honourable President and Council to supply us with four or five thousand pagodas worth as soon [as] possible, as we have at present but barely sufficient to pay the military and peons for this month; but should the troubles in the country make it unsafe to send us any overland, in such case, to desire their permission to coin silver fanams, as we believe we can easily get silver enough from Pondicherry for that purpose, which if they permit us to do, to desire also they will be pleas'd to send us directions concerning the weight and fineness of them, and whether we shall make them according to the Madrass chop, or any other.

Agreed that the Deputy Governour entertain what gunners, lascars topasses, and peons he thinks necessary, as the Morattas are near us, and it being at present uncertain which way they will march.

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The Tevenepatam Customer represents that the poligars fees collected by him have not been sufficient for some months past to pay the talliars wages, and in order to prevent their quitting the employ, he has been obligd to make good the deficiency out of the customs, which in all comes to pags. 91-10-0, he is allow'd to deduct it from his account accordingly.

Lieutenants Morgan and Amyand deliver in a report, representing the urgent necessity there is for increasing the number of inferiour officers in the military, and hope they may be allow'd the former number of thirteen corporals there were in each company before the reducement and one serjeant extraordinary, in consideration of the guards being encreas'd.

Agreed that this be represented to the Honourable President and Council for their directions herein, and that the report be enter'd after this Consultation.

The Storekeeper produces an indent for stores wanting, and in particular for guns, gunpowder and iron, it being thought very necessary to have a store of them in the garrison, especially at this unsettled time in the country, agreed that it be inclos'd to the Presidency, and to desire their complyance with it in every respect, with what they can spare now, and the remainder when the Europe ships arrive.

The Paymaster and Gunner agreeable to an order of Consultation of the 15th instant, deliver in their report of the ruinous condition of the walls of the fort ditch and the best manner that it may be made defensible, with an estimate of the cost of it, amounting to pagodas 4226-13-70, as more fully set forth in those papers, which are order'd to be enter'd after Consultation, and inclos'd to the Honourable President and Council, for their inspection and directions thereupon.

Some of the guard rooms under the points at Cuddalore, and particularly those under the Chingee and South-West points being in a crazy condition, and in several respects very inconveniently situated, agreed that instead of repairing them where they stand, it would be better worth the charge to rebuild them upon the points, as well for the security of the guards, as the peons may be better kept together, and all ready upon duty, order'd therefore that they be rebuilt upon the points.

JAMES HUBBARD—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.,
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR, &CA.
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

This humbly serves to represent to your Worship &ca. Council, the urgent necessity for encreasing the number of our inferiour officers, having no more at present but ten serjeants and ten corporals in each company, which are insufficient to supply all the guards of this garrison. Therefore we hope your Worship &ca. Council will take into consideration to allow us the former number of thirteen corporals we had in each company before the reducement, as also a serjeant extraordinary each, in consideration of the guards and garrison being increas'd.

We are, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servants,

Fort St. David, JOHN D' MORGAN—EDWARD AMYAND.
31st May, 1740.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.,
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCIL.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

Agreeable to an order of Consultation of the 15th instant, on observing the ruinous condition of the trench under the fort walls on the west and north sides, we are to represent to your worship &ca. that we have look'd into it, and observing that the fausebray walls have very much yeilded outwards, especially on the north side, and we have had those foundations laid open in several places, and find them in most places but about four foot deep from the common area of the ditch, as it

is at present fill'd by the decay of the facing or lining of brickwork on the outside, so as in some places to be burst in by the weight of earth, and in others entirely lost, the fausebray walls appear to us of such consequence that a breach in them will greatly endanger the fort walls, and especially as the west curtain has been long considerably sunk, so we think there should be no time lost for strengthening the outer wall, to avoid a much greater expence by any further damage to the fort walls; the best way we can propose to secure them would be by laying an outer foundation on wells and raising on it a kind of false base to the fausebray wall all along, of brick and chunam work, to taper off to it at about five foot high, and then we believe the old wall may be safely rais'd about three foot higher by way of a breastwork for small arms, and be of good service, for clearing of the trench, which cannot so well be done from the walls above.

As the moat would be of more hurt than advantage to the defence of the fort, if the outer facing be not lin'd with brickwork, to keep it up so as not to give entrance to an enemy, we make no question of the necessity of doing that also, and have therefore notwithstanding the expence, measur'd and made an estimate of the work as by the account subjoind, and though the continuance of the moat on the east side of the fort is not so immediately necessary with regard to the preservation of that wall, yet as the continuing that work to the river side, that the water may flow from the river all round it, would make it more defensible and entire, we have just now mention'd the amount only from the measurage of the other work, and to be submitted with the rest to your Worship &ca. consideration by, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servants,

THOMAS EYRE—PHILIP BAKER.

Fort St. David,
31st May, 1740.

Calculate of the cost and charges of facing the fort moat with brick work, laying an additional base to secure the fausebray wall and a parapet wall upon it on the west and north sides of the fort, and first.

THE BRICKWORK FACING OF THE MOAT.

Lacks	Bricks.		Gol fans.	Madras fans.
2	88,360	Well bricks for 267 wells at 1,080 bricks each and 2000 per pagoda ... ...Pags.	144 3 19	
7	68,000	Wall bricks for the wall 10 foot high and from 5 to 3 brick thick at 2000 per pagoda	384 0 0	
		Chunam 2,560 parra at 10 parra per 1,000 and 1½ parra per fanam	94 14 53	
		Jaggry—at 1 lb. per parra of chunam 2,560 parras takes up 5 ca. 2 md. 0 lb. at pags. 7 per candy	35 15 10	
Cooley—		Sinking and filling 267 wells at pags. 2 each. Pags. 534		
Do.		Bricklayers, clay, and cooleys building the wall 10 foot high at ¼ Pag. per 1,000 bricks on 7 Lack-68,000 is 192 0 0.		
Do.		Cleaning and deepening the moat per estimate 100 0 0		
			826 0 0	
		Is of Madrass fanams ... ... Pags.		1,484 30 4
		Laying an additional base and foundation for it to the walls of the fossbraye, and raising a parapet wall 3 foot high on them on the west and north sides of the fort		
2	66,760	Well bricks for 247 wells for a foundation for the base at 1,080 each and 2,000 per Pagoda ... ... Pags.	133 6 67	
4		Wall bricks for the base at 2,000 ...	200 0 0	

			P. f. c.	P. f. c.
	Chunam at 10 parra per 1,000 brick on 4 lack of bricks 4,000 at 1½ per fan. ...		148 2 53	
	Jaggry at 1 lb. per para of chunam on 4,000 para is 8 candies at Pags. 7 per Candy		56 0 0	
1 59,840	Wall bricks for the parapet 3 brick thick and [*lacuna in the original*] yards round.		79 16 45	
	Chunam at 10 parra per 1,000 brick 1,598 para at 1½ per fanam		59 3 27	
	Jaggry at 1 lb. per para of chunam 1,598 para is 3 c 3 md 23 lb. at Pags. 7 per candy		22 6 56	
Cooley—	Sinking and filling up 247 wells at Pags. 2 each ... ... Pags.		494 0 0	
Do.	Bricklayers &ca. building the base ¼ Pag. per 1,000 bricks ...	100 0 0		
Do.	Building the parapet wall to it Do	39 13 40		
			633 13 40	1,332 27 16
Lack. Bricks. 18 82,960			Pags.	2,817 21 20
	The charge of moating the east side of the fort computed as aforesaid to come to one half of the cost of the west and north sides amounts to			1,408 28 50
			Pags.	4,226 13 70

Fort St. David,
3rd June 1740.

Errors Excepted,
per Thomas Eyre—Philip Baker.

Consultation, Saturday, June 14, 1740.

Order'd that the Paymaster do observe the aforemention'd paragraph relating the buildings, and that he prepare to go to work on the ditch, and that Mr. Floyer one of the Council constantly living in the Fort, have an eye over the work while it is carrying on, as well as the Paymaster.

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James Hubbard—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—
Charles Floyer.

Consultation, Monday, June 30, 1740.

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The charges extraordinary in the Paymaster's account for last month, are in the following articles:—

			P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Charges garrison—				
1 Topass occassionally enter'd in the 2d. Company...			1 13 0	
1 William Moran enter'd in gunroom crew from the 20th at Pags. 4 per month		Pags. 1 6 0		
2 Portugueze	Do. at 2	do. 1 9 0		
23 Lasscars		16 0 0		
4 Macquars		3 10 0	22 7 0	
				24 2 0
Peons' and servants' wages—				
33 Peons and tallears occassionally enter'd in this month				7 15 59
Charges general—				
Mamodys bought				7 0 0

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Charges extraordinary—						
Paid the steward's note for sheep and hogs a store provided for supplying the outguards the while they may be kept constantly upon duty... Pags.	35	0	0			
Paid 5 cooleys 6 days assisting the lascars in sundry services	0	15	0			
Batty to 11 peons going to meet money from Madrass ... Pags... 0 13 0						
Batty bringing it in 1 16 0	5	1	0			
Batty to peons bringing deserters from Pondicherry.	0	7	0			
Do. to do. attending the Marattas camp ...	1	6	0			
Prisoners batty Pags. 3-4-10; Austapa Chitty Pags 2½	5	13	10			
				48	12	10
Fortifications and repairs—						
Fort house—putting up gunnys to the doors and windows	3	15	56			
Second's lodging—mending windows and cleaning the pavement &ca.	1	6	66			
Mending the pavement in the Fort	2	0	78			
Sinking a new well in the square	17	8	41			
Repairing the small godowns near the cookroom ...	1	8	13			
Making a teak ladder	1	6	20			
Mending a palmiera horse	0	4	2			
Fitting handles to mamodys	1	14	9			
Making brick moulds	0	8	60			
Mending doors to the gunroom godown and cover to the sink	0	10	31			
Steps to the antichamber of the magazine ...	2	3	58			
Mending the butler's chest, and making measures...	0	2	55			
Weeding Cooley	0	0	32			
Raising parapet walls on the east side of the Fort	30	12	33			
Mending shot lockers	0	2	54			
Mending lock to the main guard sally port ...	0	0	70			
Paving under the north curtain...	11	16	64			
Levelling and mending the road from the Fort to the bridge	4	11	64			
Cutting down trees towards Tevenapatam... ...	1	17	71			
Tevenepatam Gate guard rooms, doors and hinges ...	3	2	27			
Hospital Fogans	0	1	40			
Garden—rattanning windows to the house and to the out houses, making hatchetts, &ca.	3	13	33			
Charity School-house—mending pavement ...	1	13	59			
				91	3	76
Fortifications in Cuddalore :—						
99 Cooleys-watering the Mud Point bank and hedge.	1	9	42			
99 Setting a fence of young trees along the river side.	5	6	50			
New Bastion at the banksall, between the Mud Point and Maulim Bastion	11	14	26			
Mallim Point guard room	6	8	74			
115 Cooleys cutting down trees &ca. without Chellumbrum Point	2	4	70			
				27	8	22
Pags. ...				206	6	7

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James Hubbard—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—
Charles Floyer.

Consultation, Tuesday, July 22, 1740.

General letter from the Honourable President and Council of the 12th instant read directing us to provide as many as we can of the five thousand peices of soot

romals, according to the muster of last year, besides the four hundred pieces of the muster lately sent us.

We must not omit to place at the foot of our letters an account of what cloth embal'd, and how much at the washers, beaters and in the merchants godowns, as it will help them to make some computation, when they come to advise the gentlemen in Bengal what tonnage they shall want from thence in December and as usual put the question to us what number of bales we may expect to have ready by that time.

Letter from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 19th instant read, advising that the Honourable President and Council have resolv'd to return the ship *George* to us in a few days, and that we must get sorted and embal'd all the cloth we can have ready by the time she arrives with us.

Agreed that we acquaint the Honourable President and Council in answer to their above favour, that our merchants have brought in this time on this year's investment 800 bales reckoning what sent up to Madrass, and what at the washers, beaters and dyers, that we have discours'd our merchants how much more they think they can bring in by the end of December, who reply as follows—that it is impossible for them to make any tolerable calculate, that there is hardly any place but Chemanackpollam, from whence they can depend with any certainty of having cloth brought, and that cloth is grown so indifferent of late, that a great part of it is always turn'd out: some quantitys they say they have hopes of receiving from Worriapollam, this is more uncertain, but besides what comes from those two places, they have but little dependence on any other. They add the brokers that had money of them for fine cloth and cloth for dying, have some time since return'd it, being unwilling to set about any thing at this dangerous time. The risque of sending money to Salem is so very great, that they will not venture to take it upon themselves, and therefore they can expect no more cloth from thence, but about 50 or 60 bales, the amount of the ballance they have there and upon the whole say, if they can bring in five or six hundred bales more from this time to the end of December, it is as much as they can expect, but can no ways promise it.

Order'd that the washers and beaters be hast'ned to get ready what cloth they have in cure, to sort and embale as much as we can against the arrival of the Honourable Company's ship *George*.

James Hubbard—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Consultation, Thursday, July 31, 1740.

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The extraordinary charges in the Paymasters account for last month, are in the following articles :—

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Charges garrison—						
Persons occassionally enter'd in the gunroom ...	......			50	11	0
Hospital charges—						
Doctor's bill	......			1	12	0
Peons and servants wages—						
Peons occassionally enter'd	......			30	4	70
Charges extraordinary—						
Gratuity to six Europeans for relisting another 5 years at Pags. 5 each	30	0	0			
Batty to peons going to meet money from Madrass...	0	26	0			
Do. bringing it in ...	3	27	0			
Trepopolore feast as usual	5	0	0			
Diet for 3 French deserters from Pondicherry ...	0	14	4			
Mending a copper pot for the hospital	0	10	0			
Prisoners' batty Pags. 4—5—58; Austapa Chitty Pags. 2—18	6	23	58			
				46	28	62

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Fortifications and repairs—		
Fort—making rattan rings for the gunnys to the house	0 2 55	
Raising parapet walls on the east and south sides and foot banks and chunaming on the east side ...	90 10 49	
Chunaming the top of the new well and filling up the ground and paving round it	4 16 63	
Mending rattan windows for a lodging in the square.	0 10 69	
Mending a door frame for the stewards godown ...	0 2 0	
Brick moulds making	1 24 13	
Fitting handles to 150 mamodys	1 24 0	
Cutting down trees towards Tevenepatam ...	1 9 34	
Tevenapatam Gate guard room door hinges, &ca. ...	1 14 78	
Garden—rattaning windows to the house, mending windows to the godowns &ca	2 13 40	
		103 21 1
Fossbray and ditch walls—repairing	......	88 28 60
Fortifications in Cuddalore—		
New point at the banksall—raising the wall of stone and large peices of brick and chunam work dug out near Cuddalore barr	67 5 48	
Maulim Point guard room	11 4 1	
Setting a fence of young trees along the river side ...	2 30 28	
Cooleys watering the Mud Point	0 18 66	
Cutting down trees without Chellumbrum Point ...	0 20 12	
Porto Novo Point powder magazine—fitting doors and windows and nailing locks, hinges, &ca. ...	1 1 39	
		83 8 34
Pags.		404 6 7

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James Hubbard, Edward Harris—Robert Allen--Charles Floyer.

Consultation, Tuesday, August 12, 1740.

Letter from the Governour and Council of Pondicherry of the 22d instant, new stile, read, the purport of which was to acquaint us, that a poor old man of sixty years of age had been found dead the next morning after four of their military had deserted their garrison and come hither, being stab'd in several places, and it might be presum'd from their own confessions, he had been kill'd by them, but that it could not be in their own defence, as this poor man had no arms nor ever carry'd any, nor was there any body whatever that pursued them, and they therefore desire these men to be deliver'd up to them, upon promise of pardon, if they are guilty of no other crime than desertion, but that they may be left to be punisht according to their laws, should they be found guilty of the murther they were suspected of.

Messrs. Du Laurens and Maraut expatiated largely on the heinousness of this fact, according as it appears at present, and of the ill consequences of protecting such villians, and that it would be much better there were no agreements to diliver up deserters at all, than that any should find protection, by adding murther to desertion—with much more to the same purpose.

Agreed, that we give the following answer to the letter brought us by Monsr. Du Laurens and Maraut, from the Governour and Council of Pondicherry. That we have received their letter on the subject of the four deserters of their garrison lately come hither, and of the murther they were suspected to have committed—and have heard with attention what Messrs. Du Laurens and Maraut have been pleasd to acquaint us with further in relation to this affair and upon the whole it seems very probable to us, that these four deserters did commit that murther, and with a view of preventing their being return'd back, as they would have been, had they been guilty of desertion only, but that we cannot of ourselves comply with

their request in sending them back, as it is a case we have had no example of here, but we will represent this matter in the fullest light we can to the Honourable President and Council of Fort St. George for their orders in this affair, which when we receive, we will immediately advise them thereof.

Order'd that the original letter from the Governour and Council of Pondicherry, with copy of our answer, be inclos'd to-morrow to the Honourable President and Council to represent this affair, and to desire their directions hereupon.

JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1740.

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We having no more then seventy-three Europeans centinels in both companys, and of these twenty-eight are old and hardly fit for service. Agreed therefore that we write to the Honourable President and Council to supply us with as many good men as they can spare, we having had none sent us, either last year or the year before.

JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 1740.

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The charges extraordinary in the Paymaster's account for last month are in the following particulars :—

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Charges garrison—						
Persons occassionally enter'd in the gunroom crew.				6	7	0
Peons and servants' wages—						
Peons occassionally enter'd				21	22	44
Charges general—						
Given to Mathew Salter for baptizing his child	1	0	0			
4 pickaxes bought	1	5	14			
Chelinga hire	0	29	0			
Batty abroad	0	10	28			
				3	8	42
Charges extraordinary—						
Gratuitys to 4 Europeans for relisting another 5 years at pagodas 5 each	20	0	0			
Paid 2 peons from Acknaickpollam for bringing 2 deserters	2	0	0			
Batty to peons attending Subdar Ally Cawn's camp	2	18	0			
Prisoners batty fans. 143–70; Austapa Chitty Pags. 2-18-0	6	17	70			
				30	35	70
Fortifications and repairs—						
Fort: chunaming the parapet walls, making foot banks, and chunaming them from the North-East to the South-West Bastion	76	15	70			
Cleaning weeds from the curtain	0	2	40			
Paymaster's lodging: mending door frame to a godown	0	23	20			
Soldiers' cock-house: making a new door ...	1	25	50			
Making steps for the ditch work	2	3	76			
Making a compound of palmeiras for keeping timber and plank	1	9	4			
Mending hatchetts and knives for the hedge ...	0	3	65			

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Mending the road from the fort to the bridge ...	0 28 0	
Tevenepatam washing tank—clearing the wells ...	0 9 8	
Garden: rattaning windows and mending for the Do. godowns	3 16 42	
Bandipollam washing choultry: mending a lock for the cloth godown	0 0 64	
6 country jarrs for keeping rice for the out guard ...	1 0 0	
		87 30 39
Fort fossbray and ditch walls—repairing ...		63 32 19
Fortifications in Cuddalore—		
Clay bastion, making a centry box and watering the bank	4 22 41	
Paid poor people for rebuilding houses that stood in the way of the points	4 0 0	
New Point at the banksall and guard rooms ...	87 16 4	
Maulim Point: building a guard room to it ...	10 27 7	
Porto Novo Point powder magazine: nailing locks &ca.	0 22 24	
Digging for stone, and bringing them from Cuddalore Barr	8 4 58	
		115 20 54
	Pags. ...	229 13 28

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James Hubbard—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Consultation, Tuesday, September 30, 1740.

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The charges extraordinary in the Paymaster's account for last month are in the following articles :—

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Peons and servants' wages—		
Peons occassionally enter'd		29 21 10
Charges extraordinary—		
Batty to peons going to meet money from Madrass ..	2 21 0	
Do. bringing it in	6 25 28	
Do. attending Subdar Ally Cawn's camp ...	4 16 0	
Do. from Do. with letters	0 8 0	
Do. to French peons for carrying their deserters ...	0 13 27	
Diet to 4 French deserters from Pondicherry ...	2 17 32	
Paid steward's note for keeping hogs provided for the out-guard men	5 2 0	
Matts for the bales on ship *George* fans. 49; chelingas for the master, fans. 41	2 18 0	
Prisoners' batty, Pags. 4–30–20; Austapa Chitty, Pags. 2–18–0	7 12 20	
		31 25 27
Fortifications and repairs—		
Fort: plaistering the parapet walls on the south side, and mending the plaister below from the North East Bastion to the South East Bastion without	13 13 64	
Cleaning the curtains	0 2 40	
Soldiers' cock house: nailing a lock and making hoocks &ca. for the door	0 10 5	
Mr. Floyer's lodging: mending the roof of two godowns	4 4 71	

	P. c. f.	P. c. f.
Making a compound wall of palmairas for keeping timber and plank	0 6 70	
Making brick moulds	0 10 62	
Mending a chunam parra	0 8 71	
Mending the road near the Fort bridge ...	0 24 56	
Tevenepatam Gate: making a palmaira plat-form to the step for carriages	0 24 76	
Tevenepatam washing tank: cleaning the corners of it	1 34 32	
Garden: rattaning windows to the house and mending rails &ca.	3 17 0	
		25 14 57
Fossbray and ditch walls—repairing		193 32 12
Fortifications in Cuddalore—		
New Point at the banksall and guard rooms ...	80 13 24	
South West Point guard room rebuilding ...	9 15 79	
Digging for stone, and bringing them from Cuddalore barr	11 21 4	
Cutting stones for the platforms for the guns ...	0 15 40	
		101 29 67
Charges diet—		
1 Writer—Mr. Thomas Cook Junr.		4 13 74
Pagodas ...		386 29 7

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James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Consultation, Thursday, October 30, 1740.

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The charges extraordinary in the Paymaster's account for last month, are in the following particulars:—

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Charges garrison—		
1 Topass occassionally enter'd in the 2d. Company.	1 26 0	
Persons do. in the gunroom crew	3 10 0	
		5 0 0
Peons and servants' wages—		
Peons occassionally enter'd	9 6 0	
Mauratta Braminy's pay encreased	1 18 0	
		10 24 0
Charges general—		
Making new mercalls and mending do. ...		1 26 53
Charges extraordinary—		
Peons sword feast as usual	6 0 0	
Sheep for the Governour's servants	3 0 0	
Batty to peons attending Subdarally Cawn's Camp.	2 24 0	
Do. from do. with letters	0 28 0	
		3 16 0
Prisoners' batty fans. 138–70	3 30 70	
Austapa Chitty's pay	2 18 0	
		18 28 70
Fortifications and repairs—		
Mr. Foxall's lodging: rattaning windows ...	0 12 29	
Mending windows of some lodgings in the square ...	0 11 67	
Mending hinges for the Church doors	0 8 8	
Peons' choultry: white washing	0 8 0	
Making a small verando for keeping chunam ...	5 12 23	
Garden: rattaning windows to the house and mending doors and windows to the godowns &ca. ...	4 2 74	

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Trepopolore Guard,—cleaning a well	0 6 20	
Bandipollam Guard,—rebuilding the guard room ...	18 20 65	
15 Jarrs bought for keeping jagary	5 10 0	
		34 20 46
Fort fossbray and ditch walls: repairing		256 0 65
Fortifications in Cuddalore—		
Wharfing the landing place at the banksall	5 6 61	
Ravlin—raising parapet walls	11 11 46	
South West Point—rebuilding the guardroom and raising the parapet walls	51 20 5	
Braminy Gate—mending a hoop well	1 31 4	
Taking up stone from the Moor's tomb	9 35 8	
Cutting stones for the platforms for the guns ...	1 2 40	
		80 35 4
Charges diet—		
1 Writer—Mr. Thomas Cook Junr.		3 22 6
	Pags. ...	[411] 14 4

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James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Consultation, Saturday, November 29, 1740.

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The particulars of the extraordinary expence in the Paymaster's Account for the month of October 1740 arise on the following articles Viz[t]. :—

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Charges garrison—		
One Topass occasionally entered in the 1st Company ...	1 26 0	
Persons do. in the gunroom crew ...	14 32 0	
		16 12 0
Charges extraordinary—		
Travelling charges to Messrs. Joseph Fowke and Borlace Stacey from Madrass hither at 10 Pags. each ...	20 0 0	
Paid steward's note for feeding and salting up hogs provided for the men at the outguards while constantly on duty	6 10 60	
Batta to peons going to meet two supplies of cash from Madrass this month Pags. 2–4–0 bring it in Pags. 6–10–0	8 14 0	
Do. attending 30 men recruits of garrison from thence Pags. 0 14 54; Diet to them for one day ... ... 1 24 0; Arrack three gallons 0 25 15	3 31 70[*sic*]	
Prisoners' batta Pags. 3–22–10; Austapa Chitty Pags. 2–13–0	6 4 10	
		44 24 60
Fortifications and repairs—		
Mending cracks to the terrasses in the Forts	4 5 35	
Mending a table for the sorting godown	0 4 0	
White-washing a lodging in the square	0 8 50	
Mr. Floyer's lodging—rattaning windows	1 5 74	
Cleaning the soldiers' barracks	0 4 0	
Cleaning the curtain of weeds	0 2 40	
Taking up the brick and laying a pavement of iron stone in the Fort gateway	7 13 16	
Mending the pavement at the back gate	0 13 47	
Mending the wall fallen down of the bridge under the Southwest Bastion	1 15 0	
Tevenepatam Gate guard rooms—changing tiles, and mending the chunam plaister	1 18 23	

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Patchary Point guard rooms—changing tiles ...	0 7 0	
Gardens—rattaning windows, mending cracks to the terrasses, changing tiles to the soldiers' guard rooms, and horse stable, and making a veranda for the smiths &ca.	19 35 37	
Charity School in Cuddalore, mending the pavement and godown doors	3 34 36	
Five jars bought for keeping rice at the out guards ...	0 35 0	
		41 22 38
Fort faussebray and ditch walls—repairing		109 32 0
Fortifications in Cuddalore—		
Wharfing the landing place at the bankshall	2 0 6	
Maulin Point-paving it, and chunamming the guard room.	7 16 54	
Ravlin—raising parapet walls, and foot banks ...	11 34 35	
Southwest Point—mending a platform for the guns ...	0 35 56	
Braminy Gate ensign's lodgings: changing tiles to the godowns	0 15 16	
Metchlepatam Point sally port—mending the door ...	3 3 20	
Bringing stores from the Moor's tomb	0 13 40	
		23 11 41
Charges diet—		
Mr. Joseph Fowke		8 0 0
Account-presents.		
[. . .] for two ladies sent as such to Emaum Sahib to Golcondah	26 8 0	
Batta to two peons, and cooleys carrying do. ...	3 26 0	
		29 34 0
	Pagodas ...	274 2 59

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Consultation, Wednesday, December 31, 1740.

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The particulars of the extraordinary expence in the Paymaster's Account for the month of November 1740 arise on the following articles Vizt :—

Charges garrison—

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Topasses occasionally entered in the First Company ...	45 18 0	
Do. Second Company	38 0 0	
Do. gunroom crew	3 32 0	
		87 15 0
Charges, extra—		
Paid Shacup Tomby's note for the batta to peons and vakeel detain'd at Wolendore Pettah about the Company's money stopp'd there	86 17 68	
Paid steward's note for mending a silver monteff	8 6 0	
Given to the bonfire as usual	5 0 0	
[. . .] provisions given to [Maham]mud Caun's attendants	16 11 0	
Batty to peons attending the [Mora]tta camp Pags. ... ... 3 24 11; Do. from ... 0 9 0	3 33 1	
[. . .]attending Chunda [Sahib]	1 0 0	
[Priso] ners batta Pags. 3 27 0; Austappa Chitty Pags. 2 18 6 }	6 9 20	
		127 5 9
[Fortifications] and repairs—		
[. . .] to the terrasses	0 19 14	
[. . .] the sorting godown	1 13 49	
Mr. [. . . .] mending rattan windows	0 22 77	
Me [. . . .] for a lodging in the square	0 1 10	
Ma [. . .] to the Company's wall of the powder magazine	1 18 63	
Cleaning and opening the water courses in the Fort ...	1 21 50	

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Making grates for sinks	0	11	5			
Making a door for the necessary house	0	26	21			
Mending a table &ca for the cookroom	0	8	78			
Fitting handles to the Mamoodys	0	13	61			
Mending a storekeeper's godown at the boat house ...	1	6	53			
Tevenepatam Gate—repairing the bridge	70	2	40			
Garden—rattaning windows, and mending do. to the godowns, making a shed for peons &ca.	7	20	75			
Factory in Cuddalore: repairing doors, windows &ca. ...	26	35	51			
Gunnys for all the guards	24	2	62			
				139	35	17
Fort fausebray and ditch walls—repairing				13	4	2
Fortifications in Cuddalore—						
Ravlin—raising parapet walls, and making foot banks, setting palmeiras into the river there, and mending platforms for the guns	22	29	49			
Southwest Point—chunamming the guard roms ...	0	32	45			
Chellumbrum Gate—Cook room covering it with straw.	1	28	76			
Braminy Gate—cutting trees without	0	4	64			
Mud Bank and ditch: moving the gate and raising the bank	54	15	48			
Making tanks on the points	9	7	8			
Making hooks for the guards	0	22	21			
				89	32	71
Pagodas ...				457	20	19

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